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SA CHARLES W. CAVANAUGH (422)

CP, USA
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Identity of Source: [redacted] who has furnished reliable info in past (conceal)

Description of info: [redacted] meeting of the Committee to [redacted] CP, USA

Date Received: 5/22/59*

Received by: SA CHARLES W. CAVANAUGH (orally)

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The above information was furnished by the informant on 5/22/59 and authenticated on 6/5/59.

*This material was corrected by the informant on 5/29/59, retyped by SA CAVANAUGH on 6/3/59.

A copy of informant's report follows:

- 1-New York [redacted] (Inv) (422)
- 1-New York [redacted] (422) b7D
- 1-New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
- 1-New York [redacted] (415)
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On [redacted] there was a meeting of the Committee to
[redacted] of the Communist Party
U.S.A. at Party Headquarters in New York City.

The following persons were present:

[redacted] PHIL BART [redacted]

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This was the first meeting of the committee and not all of the persons assigned to the committee were present. The names of the other persons on the committee were not mentioned.

PHIL BART instructed that the members of the committee should read and familiarize themselves with [redacted]

[redacted] at the next meeting of the committee which is to be held on 5/31/59 at Party Headquarters in New York City.

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-95704)

DOROTHY HEALY
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On 6/3/59, NY 1750-S* furnished information regarding a conversation which took place at the residence of PHILIP and CONSTANCE BART, 2415 Newkirk Ave., Brooklyn, NY, between the BARTS.

Informant advised that during dinner CONNIE BART read to PHIL something that had been sent to them in the mail which exhorted people to "other than "democratic sectarian" leadership of the CP and to install such leaders as SI GERSON, WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, and DOROTHY HEALY. PHIL stops CONNIE from reading it and says that he does not want to hear any more.

CONNIE comments to PHIL that she wonders why they sent the above communication to her. PHIL comments that "you and thousand others like you". He says that a lot of people are trying to intervene in Party affairs. The name of GATES is mentioned. CONNIE mentions the name of SCHNEIDERMAN, HEALY, and GERSON. CONNIE asks PHIL if he thinks that HEALY will repudiate the document and PHIL stated that he does not know but he hopes that she will.

PHIL then talks about a united CP convention and comments on people trying to divide the Party. PHIL comments that whoever sent this communication is trying to "put the finishing touches on the Party".

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1 - San Francisco (100-) (WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN) (RM)
1 - New York (100-129802) (CP - Counter Intelligence) (415)
① - New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
1 - New York (100-12959) (CONNIE BART) (415)
1 - New York (65-1462) (WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN) (415)
1 - New York (100-13473) (SI GERSON) (415)
1 - New York (100-95704)

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Via AIRTEL RM

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)

FROM SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641)

SUBJECT CPUSA - ORGANIZATION
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CARE MUST BE UTILIZED IN HANDLING AND REPORTING
THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION SINCE ITS VERY NATURE TENDS TO
IDENTIFY A SENSITIVE AND HIGHLY PLACED INFORMANT.

- 4 - Bureau (100-80641)(RM)
(1- 61-3176)(COMINFIL NAACP)
- 1 - NY (100-7629)(COMINFIL NAACP)
- 1 - NY (100-1696)(ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN)(415)
- 1 - NY (100-56579)(PHIL BART)(415)
- 1 - NY (100-23825)(BEN DAVIS)(416)
- 1 - NY (100-18065)(JACK STACHEL)(415)
- 1 - NY (100-48033)(IRVING POTASH)(415)
- 1 - NY (100-16021)(ARNOLD JOHNSON)(415)
- 1 - NY [REDACTED] (415) b6
- 1 - NY (100-105078)(HY LUMER)(415) b7C
- 1 - NY (100-80641)

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On 6/16/59, NY 2359-S* advised that the regularly scheduled meeting of the Resident NEC CPUSA and invited guests was held in the third floor board room, at CP Headquarters, NYC, on that date.

Among those believed in attendance at this meeting were:

ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN
PHIL BART
BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR.
JACK STACHEL
IRVING POTASH
ARNOLD JOHNSON

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JACK STACHEL discussed an article which was being prepared for "The Worker" regarding the trial of four white youths in Tallahassee, Florida, for the rape of a Negro girl. STACHEL said that the Party must develop a line with reference to this particular case. He said that the Party should publicize the fact that the "white supremacy gang controls courts in Florida as it does in all southern states." STACHEL continued that the only solution to this struggle is for the labor movement, white masses, and northern Negroes to use their votes to put an end to "this double standard of justice."

BEN DAVIS remarked that the Party had not reacted quickly enough in getting a white reporter to go to the trial in Florida and make an issue out of the fact that Negro reporters were not allowed to sit at the press table. DAVIS commented that he felt the CP should start a campaign to bring about placement of a Negro and a lawyer with labor background on the Supreme Court. With respect to the Tallahassee trial DAVIS suggested that the Party develop mass activities through the use of leaflets, publicity, and mass meetings in order to speak out on the trial.

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DAVIS then discussed the NAACP and said that the Party should get as many (comrades) as possible to participate in the 40th anniversary convention of the NAACP scheduled to be held in NYC in July of this year. He recommended that an article "judiciously written" appear in "The Worker" indicating a constructive interest in the NAACP on the part of the CP.

IRVING POTASH observed that when the Party issues a press statement it receives very little attention. He said that to off-set this, the Party should get in the habit of issuing more circulars on matters which it wishes to bring to the attention of large numbers of people. He said that in this way, the Party can get to thousands of people, and that the Party should not be satisfied with the mere issuance of a press statement.

[redacted] said that there is a need to develop a mass movement around the issue of eliminating inequities of justice such as are practiced against the Negroes in the South.

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JACK STACHEL proposed that a short telegram which would be signed by BEN DAVIS, ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, and possibly others be sent to the Governor (of Florida) demanding that full justice be done in the case of the convicted rapists.

BEN DAVIS suggested that Communist and non-Party youth should be solicited to send a communication to the students at Florida A and M University to congratulate them on the stand which they took in connection with the trial.

DAVIS then briefly commented on the loss of comrades to "the right and left factions," and said that he felt every effort should be made to win some of these people back to the Party. DAVIS remarked that those lost included many Negro comrades. He criticized those clubs and sections of the Party which engaged in raising

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funds for persons no longer in the Party, especially at a time when the Party and "The Worker" are in need of funds. With respect to the NAACP, DAVIS felt that the NEC should set a time for discussion of the NAACP Convention.

DAVIS then took up the amnesty problem and recommended that [redacted] be assigned full time to work on this.

ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN agreed wholeheartedly with DAVIS on the matter of [redacted] taking over the assignment of handling the amnesty problem. She noted that someone was needed to go into the Negro communities and obtain signatures of important people. She felt that concentration in the NY/area should be with respect to HENRY WINSTON and ROBERT THOMPSON.

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[redacted] expressed his appreciation of the job which had been selected for him noting that it was a job that had to be done. He pointed out, however, that since no positive action was to be taken until EUGENE DENNIS and JAMES JACKSON returned to New York, he would make no commitments at this time.

SAC, NY (100-9365)

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SA JOHN L. FAGAN (415)

WILLIAM Z. FOSTER
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NY 1697-S* advised on 5/12/59, that JACK STACHEL, during a discussion on that date, stated ALBERTSON (WILLIAM) and PHIL BART are preparing an outline on changes that should be made in the constitution (Party).

STACHEL also said there is a subcommittee set up to study the work of the Party since the last convention.

File on 5/12/59, by SAS [redacted] RICHARD G. HOFFMAN, [redacted] and STEPHEN FEDUNIAK revealed that JACK SHULMAN drove JACK STACHEL away from the area of 1040 Nelson Avenue, Bronx, NY, where FOSTER resides.

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- 1 - NY (100-18035) (JACK STACHEL) (415)
- 1 - NY (100-111665) (JACK SHULMAN) (415)
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM *** UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-102)

DATE: 6/18/59

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-34108)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE BUREAU HAS PREVIOUSLY ADVISED THAT COPIES OF REPORTS ON THE RESERVE FUNDS HAVE NOT BEEN DISSEMINATED DUE TO THE EXTREMELY SENSITIVE NATURE OF THE INFORMATION REPORTED AND OF THE SOURCES INVOLVED.

CG 5824-S* on June 15, 1959, orally furnished to SA JOHN E. KEATING the information on the following pages. This oral information was reduced to writing on June 18, 1959:

- 2 - Bureau (RM)
- ①9 - New York (RM)
- 1 - 100-128861 (CP, USA, Funds (Reserve Funds))
- 1 - 100-128314 (CP, USA, New York District, Funds (Reserve Funds))
- 1 - 65-7471 (Amtorg)
- 1 - 100- (Danube Company)
- 1 - 100- (International Publishers)
- 1 - 100-129629 (WILLIAM ALBERTSON)
- 1 - 100- (FAYE APTHEKER)
- ① - 100-56529 (PHIL BART) ✓
- 1 - 100-47632 (FRANCES DAMON)
- 1 - 100-23825 (BENJAMIN DAVIS)
- 1 - 100- (MILTON FRIEDMAN)
- 1 - 100-118562 (ARTHUR KINOY)
- 1 - 100-111203 (ROY LEVISON)

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1 - 100-78633 (ISADORE NEEDLEMAN)
1 - 100-84275 (WILLIAM L. PATTERSON)
1 - b6
1 - 100-21421 (ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG) b7C
1 - 100-19679 (ISADORE WOF SY)
3 - Chicago
1 - A)134-46
1 - 100-3470 (MORRIS CHILDS)

June 15, 1959

It has been learned that on Thursday, June 11, 1959, there was a meeting in New York City in regard to business interests of the Communist Party (CP), USA. The participants in this meeting were PHIL BART, MORRIS CHILDS, and ISADORE WOF SY.

The Danube Company

ISADORE WOF SY stated that he will work with WILLIAM L. PATTERSON in regard to the company being established by MILT FRIEDMAN for the purpose of the importation and sale of products from Hungary.

PHIL BART stated that he planned to make a recommendation that no leading member of the CP can become involved in any Party business. In response to a question as to possible replacement for PATTERSON in the business being established by FRIEDMAN, BART stated that he thought that some consideration should be given to [redacted].

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Possible Travel Agency

BART stated that he would like to use FAYE AP THEKER to organize a travel agency. This agency would handle tours to Russia and the Socialist countries and the CP, USA, might be able to raise some funds in this way.

Conflict Between the National Office and the New York District

Both BART and WOF SY stated that there is a conflict between the National Office and the New York District in regard to sources of funds. They stated that the New York District is beginning to poach on the preserve of the National Office. They cited as an example that the New York District is trying to get donations from FRANCES DAMON. WOF SY stated that presently DAMON has no available funds, however, she has had them in the past and probably will in the future.

In a separate conversation the following matters were discussed by CHILDS and WOFSY:

STANLEY and ROY LEVISON

WOFSY told CHILDS that he would like CHILDS to see the LEVISON brothers, particularly STAN LEVISON. WOFSY said that they are giving him very little in the way of funds. He stated that he suspects that it is not a question of lack of profits from their business but rather that they are being seen by BEN DAVIS, ARTHUR KINOY and possibly BILL ALBERTSON and are funneling money into the New York District.

International Publishers

In regard to International Publishers of New York City, WOFSY stated that ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG runs a personal business. He stated that if something should happen to TRACHTENBERG he does not know who would inherit the business. WOFSY said that when TRACHTENBERG returns from Russia he will have some sessions with him, examine the business, determine who the legal owners are, what the assets and liabilities are, etc.

Possible Syndicate to Import Pulp from Russia

WOFSY said that through a CP sympathizer, who he did not identify, it had been learned that a businessman in Connecticut, with no CP connections, had been involved in the importation of pulp from Russia. Because of some difficulties this business was abandoned, however, it gave the CP, USA, an idea for a possible business venture.

According to WOFSY, there are plans to form a syndicate which would import pulp from Russia. WOFSY stated that GIBBY NEEDLEMAN is involved in this matter, which will require a huge outlay of cash which those desiring to form the syndicate do not have. According to WOFSY this plan has met with favorable response from the trading organization in New York. By way of comment, this reference by WOFSY may be to Amtorg.

WOFY did not go into any further details in this matter but asked CHILDS if he would be willing to let the Communist Party of the Soviet Union (CPSU) know that the CP, USA, looks favorably on this idea provided that CHILDS would be furnished with more concrete details in the future. When CHILDS said that he would consider this, WOFY agreed to keep in contact with him in regard to this matter.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, DENVER

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641)

SUBJECT: CP, USA - ORGANIZATION
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DATE: 6/18/59

On 5/29/59, NY 1750-S* furnished information regarding a conversation which took place at the residence of PHILIP and CONSTANCE BART, 2415 Newkirk Avenue, Brooklyn, NY, between the BARTs.

PHIL BART remarked to his wife that it was a lucky break that BOB THOMPSON was headed back to jail. BART said that THOMPSON was no organizer and that he did not mean to brag but that you could not beat a person like himself for getting money together. CONNIE BART remarked that it took the Party a long time to realize that they needed him back.

The BARTs then discussed the apartment of JIM TORMAY and BETTY GANNETT, who had recently visited them and CONNIE remarked that the apartment has DC current, but they have nothing but AC appliances.

3 - Denver (RM)
 (1 - 100-) (ANN CORREA)
 2 - Los Angeles (100-) (RAY LNU)
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 1 - Newark (100-) (EMIL LNU)
 1 - New York (100-12959) (CONNIE BART) (415)
 ① - New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
 1 - New York (100-27452) (ROBERT THOMPSON) (415)
 1 - New York (100-13483) (BETTY GANNETT) (416)
 1 - New York (100-15946) (JIM TORMAY) (416)
 1 - New York (100-105078) (HY LUMER) (415)
 1 - New York (100-80644) (CP-Youth) (415)
 1 - New York (100-50806) (GEORGE CHARNEY) (416)
 1 - New York (100-52959) (CHARLIE LOMAN) (422)
 1 - New York (100-91418) (JUNIUS SCALES) (421)
 1 - New York (100-131666) (CP-Southern Region) (415)
 1 - New York (100-18065) (JACK STACHEL) (415)
 1 - New York (100-16785) (JIM JACKSON) (415)
 1 - New York [redacted] (422)
 1 - New York (100-8057) (EUGENE DENNIS) (415)
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PHIL BART later mentions a letter about which HY LUMER called him. He said that he had no knowledge of the entire affair, which is apparently a reference to a youth meeting. CONNIE asked PHIL when the youth festival is going to be held and PHIL said that he did not know, but that he thought it was in July. CONNIE then mentions a girl who is a friend of the one that wrote the letter is going back over to the festival. CONNIE said that she married a person that is not "left" and that she is taking him along. She said that [redacted] is the only one involved.

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CONNIE then comments on an article in that days "Worker" by ANNA CORREA. She said that she thinks that it is very juvenile. PHIL disagrees with her and said that he is very pleased with the article. CONNIE then asked if she is coming to the next meeting of the NC and if there is anyone in touch with her. PHIL mentions the name of GEORGE CHARNEY as being in contact. Then there takes place some conversation regarding funds with a reference to CHARLIE LOMAN as having kept three times as much as this person (possibly GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY).

PHIL then states that he is annoyed with the talk he has heard about JUNIUS SCALES. He said that he dissolved the Party, but that for ten years he has talked to people and he has yet to meet anyone that knows what is going on in the south. He said that he had talked to JACK STACHEL about this and STACHEL had agreed with him.

They both then discussed people who have dropped out of the Party and PHIL mentions that the Party should make its project known to the thousands of people who have been passed from its ranks for funds. He said actually their voice reaches far beyond the few thousand people they have in the Party at the present time. CONNIE comments that she imagines that some of the problems that arose in the recent past were unavoidable. PHIL agrees, but comments that some people had really worked hard while others were obstructing.

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He said that he understands that EMIL (Ph) has been going into some hotels in Jersey carrying on his destructive work.

CONNIE than asked him if he had gotten in touch with California, to which he said he had and they told him that they were informed that they should not send anybody to the conference (youth) over the week end. He said that they told him that the person out there who handles the youth, RAY (Ph), had said that despite the fact that the National said that they did not want anyone from out there, that if they did not send four of their people to the meeting, they would be committing a great crime against the youth movement. PHIL said that he did not understand what they needed the meeting for as they had just had a NC meeting and there had been a bunch of people from California. He said now they are having the original youth conference and there is going to be a National Youth Conference in September. CONNIE asked when they are going to get the money for all of this and he said he did not know. CONNIE than asked if NJ were making any money as they used to be very good. PHIL comments that they are better than some places although not very much.

CONNIE than mentions about [redacted] who has been up to their apartment a few times, from the Midwood Section. CONNIE describes her as being sharp features and dark. CONNIE said that [redacted] is now in Flatbush (inaudible) and tried to get the membership to fight the idea that you cannot address anybody who has contributed money. PHIL commented that it is a problem. CONNIE said that she also asked [redacted] about JIM JACKSON's report and PHIL commented that the resolution itself is not complete enough. He said that if does not deal in fact and that they have to change their policy. CONNIE comments that [redacted], the young woman that lives near them, recently spoke at an open meeting and said that she does not know whether she agrees with JACKSON's resolution. She said on the policy of self-determination it may have been right 30 years ago, but that it isn't now. She commented that [redacted] approach appeared to be sensible. She said that considering that she had not spoken to any of the leading people, she has a very good approach and she thinks quite a bit of her.

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CONNIE comments that GENE DENNIS is responsible for this whole thing. She said that right after he came out of jail he threw out the whole idea of self-determination, although he had worked on it previously. PHIL commented that the important thing was for them to come out and say "I was wrong".

CONNIE then says that she has spoken to LENA (LNU) who had been over to Russia and she commented that KCHRUSCHEV has a lot of respect and a reputation of doing things. She said that if he says they are going to have something in seven years it is going to be there. PHIL says that that fellow "ANDY", who was over there with the "Vets" told him that when he came back they were very impressed with KCHRUSCHEV. He said that they were with him for several hours although a plane was waiting for him. CONNIE comments that she also spoke to [redacted] (possibly [redacted] on the telephone after ANDY had called her, and she said that he was very impressed over the previous year because at that time he was very critical when he returned. b6 b7C

CONNIE than calls ANDY [redacted] and tells them they will be over later.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-) DATE: 6/18/59

FROM : SAC; NEW YORK (100-80641)

SUBJECT: CP, USA - ORGANIZATION
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On 6/4/59, NY 1750-S* furnished information regarding a conversation which took place at the residence of PHILIP and CONSTANCE BART, 2415 Newkirk Ave., Brooklyn, NY, between the BARTs.

At approximately 7:00 o'clock PHIL BART returns to the residence and he and CONNIE engage in a conversation with CONNIE commenting that "ELIZABETH" (FLYNN) expected them over to her place the following night. They then engaged in comments regarding a meeting of the National Committee as well as the National Conference to be held in the fall. PHIL comments that "there are to be ten from California and we have to pay for it". He said that he proposed that California get together to select two out of five people to come. One being DOROTHY (HEALY) and one a Negro PETE (PERRY). He said that it should not be CHARLENE. He said the HILLMAN is known out in California, too. He said that of course if BILL (SCHNEIDERMAN) comes that is different, but

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 (1 - 100-) (PETTIS PERRY)

1 - San Francisco (100-) (WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN) (RM)

① - New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
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 1 - New York (100-1696) (ELIZABETH FLYNN) (415)
 1 - New York (100-8057) (EUGENE DENNIS) (415)

1 - New York (100-92763) (PETTIS PERRY)
 1 - New York (100-131678) (CHARLENE MITCHELL)
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he has not attended a meeting in over a year.

CONNIE asked PHIL if he thought SCHNEIDERMAN may come and PHIL answers that there is a chance he would. He said that SCHNEIDERMAN's participation is an important thing while they are preparing for a convention. He said that SCHNEIDERMAN's comment is that why should they have all that money spent when he can... find out later what happens at the meeting.

CONNIE then mentions that the trouble with the Party is its lack of leadership on a local level and that it's most important task is trying to get old members back.

PHIL states that he talked to GENE (DENNIS) about that matter today in connection with his report to the convention. He said he asked GENE how they are going to create a collective leadership and GENE did not say a word. CONNIE commented that GENE is just like that to which PHIL said that they spent quite a bit of time together.

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- 3 - BUREAU (100-3-102) (RM)
- 2 - CHICAGO (134-46) (CG 5824-S) (Info) (RM)
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- 1 - NY 100-47632 (FRANCES DAMON WILLIAMS) (415)
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NY 694-S advised SA ALEXANDER C. BURLINSON on 6/19/59 that on 6/17/59, the CP, USA, Reserve Fund Committee held a meeting, present at which were ISADORE WOFSY, LEM HARRIS and JACK CHILDS.

WOFSY submitted the following accounting of the Reserve Fund:

Balance on January 1, 1959	\$31,165.00
Income to 6/17/59 since 1/1/59	31,325.00
Total Income	<u>\$62,490.00</u>
Total expenditure to National Office from 1/1/59 to 6/17/59	\$39,369.00
Total Reserve Fund balance	\$23,121.00

When questioned by HARRIS concerning the sources of the \$31,325.00 income reported by WOFSY, the latter replied evasively that \$19,000.00 of the aforesaid income was derived "from a West Coast project from which we are obtaining income." Since WOFSY's reply indicated that, pursuant to instructions or otherwise, he was not inclined to furnish details regarding the source of the \$19,000.00, neither HARRIS nor CHILDS questioned him further about this matter.

According to NY 694-S, the \$19,000.00 was undoubtedly given to WOFSY by EUGENE DENNIS, who received the money from a source described in the case entitled, "SOLO; IS-C." The informant believes that DENNIS may have told WOFSY that the money was derived from "the West Coast project" mentioned above.

According to WOFSY, the current balance of \$23,121.00 is divided as follows:

Due from Prompt Press	\$4,000.00
Due from F&D Printing Co.	1,121.00
Due on mortgage loan to CP Headquarters (23 West 26th St.)	640.00

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Held by ISADORE NEEDLEMAN as depository	\$5,000.00
Held by LEM HARRIS as depository	3,000.00
Held by JACK CHILDS as depository	2,000.00
Held by JACK CHILDS as depository (bonds)	3,500.00
Held by ARTHUR STEIN as depository	2,000.00
Loan to CP Youth School (to be repaid by ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG)	1,000.00
Cash held by WOFSY	860.00
Total	<u>\$23,121.00</u>

The informant noted that the \$2,000.00 in cash held by JACK CHILDS was given to the latter by WOFSY at instant meeting. Also, according to NY 694-S, the \$1,000.00 loan to the CP Youth School is to be repaid by ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG because, had TRACHTENBERG not been abroad, he would have been responsible for furnishing the Youth School with necessary funds.

(According to NY 694-S, several hours after WOFSY made the above report, he recontacted JACK CHILDS and informed the latter to be prepared on 6/22/59 to give WOFSY \$500.00 from the Reserve Funds being held by CHILDS. WOFSY said he had to give the \$500.00 to "a man in the Bronx in repayment of a bail-bond loan." WOFSY also advised CHILDS that, since making the above financial report, he had obtained from ARTHUR STEIN, another Reserve Fund depository, \$1500.00, which WOFSY gave to PHIL BART for maintenance of the CP National Office.)

ROY AND STANLEY LEVISON

During the Reserve Fund Committee meeting WOFSY stated that inasmuch as ROY and STANLEY LEVISON have given very little to the Reserve Fund, they will be required to give an accounting of their financial activities. MORRIS CHILDS of the CP Auditing Commission, on his next trip to New York, will be requested to conduct an inquiry into the LEVISON'S' financial operations.

WOFSY stated that to his knowledge they have never given the CP an accounting, and in the past were never asked to do so. Now, however, they will be questioned concerning their

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donations over the years to the Reserve Fund. The LEVISONs will be told that the inquiry is not intended to reflect that the Party does not trust the LEVISONs, but rather "to check Party bookkeeping" so that the Party may know specifically what donations the LEVISONs have made to the Reserve Fund. A further purpose of the inquiry will be to ascertain whether the LEVISONs can increase the amount of their donations.

FRANCES DAMON WILLIAMS

WOFsy also stated that in a recent conference with FRANCES DAMON WILLIAMS, he learned that she had been approached by BEN DAVIS, JR. for donations to "Negro work." DAVIS had instructed WILLIAMS to give her donations directly to ARTHUR KINOY of the law firm of DONNER, KINOY and PERLIN, 342 Madison Avenue, NYC. DAVIS described this law firm as "the Party contact with the main Negro organizations, particularly with nationally known Negro personalities." WILLIAMS did not commit herself with respect to whether she had given any donations pursuant to DAVIS' request.

WOFsy said that after considering WILLIAMS' remarks, and after recalling that the LEVISONs are to some extent active in Negro work, the thought occurred to him that possibly both FRANCES DAMON WILLIAMS and the LEVISONs are contributing to DAVIS through DONNER, KINOY and PERLIN, and that such funds are channeled to the NY State CP. The inference from this would be that WILLIAMS and the LEVISONs are contributors to the NY State CP rather than to the CP, USA, Reserve Fund.

12th-13th Realty Corporation

WOFsy further reported that CHARLES KELNER continues to request more time to negotiate the purchase of the building at 35 East 12th Street. WOFsy said he still believes that KELNER is merely attempting "to stall" the sale of the building.

So far a bid of \$235,000.00 has been received from LEONARD FELDMAN, partner in the real estate firm of ABBOTT and ADAMS, 331 Madison Avenue, NYC. The other partner in this firm

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is one of the three stockholders in the corporation which owns and operates 35 East 12th Street (12th-13th St. Corporation). b6
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The LEVISONs have informed WOFSY that they can procure a buyer who would pay \$325,000.00 for the aforesaid building. They expressed the opinion that the building is worth between \$325,000 and \$400,000. They did not identify any potential purchaser, however.

The meeting was then adjourned. WOFSY stated that he would take a vacation during July, and that in his absence HARRIS and CHILDS should hold a Reserve Fund meeting if need therefore should arise.

EXTREME CAUTION SHOULD BE EXERCISED WITH RESPECT TO DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION HEREIN INASMUCH AS SAID INFORMATION, BY ITS NATURE, TENDS TO IDENTIFY NY 694-S, A VALUABLE INFORMANT, AS THE SOURCE THEREOF.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-56579)

DATE: 6/19/59

FROM : SA HAROLD P. QUINN #415

SUBJECT: PHILIP BART
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On 6/13/59, NY 1750-S* furnished information regarding a conversation which took place at the residence of PHILIP and CONNIE BART, 2415 Newkirk Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, between the BARTS.

At approximately 6:10 p.m., CONNIE BART received an incoming call from an unsub to whom she comments that she was presently busy in the apartment doing a number of chores and that she expected PHIL's [redacted] to visit them that evening.

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The above information is being set forth as information has recently been received that [redacted] was expected to be visiting the BARTS from California at about the above period.

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1 - New York (100- [redacted]) (422) b6
1 - New York (100-56579) b7C

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM **** UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)

DATE: 6/19/59

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-33741)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
ORGANIZATION
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Re New York airtel June 10, 1959, containing a summary of the first day of sessions of a meeting of the National Executive Committee of the Communist Party, USA, furnished by CG 5824-S*.

CARE SHOULD BE USED IN HANDLING AND REPORTING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IN ORDER TO FULLY PROTECT THE IDENTITY OF A HIGHLY PLACED INFORMANT.

On June 15, 1959, CG 5824-S* orally furnished to SA JOHN E. KEATING additional information concerning this first day of sessions. This information was reduced to writing on June 18, 1959:

- 2 - Bureau (RM)
- 2 - Cleveland (RM)
 - 1 - 100-421 (GUS HALL)
 - 1 - 65-721 (ANTHONY KRCHMAREK)
- 1 - Detroit (100-13420) (CARL WINTER) (RM)
- 1 - Newark (100-19491) (PAT TOOHEY) (RM)
- ⑫ - New York (RM)
 - 1 - 100-81752 (CP, USA, Brief)
 - 1 - 100-80641 (CP, USA, Organization)
 - 1 - 100-129629 (WILLIAM ALBERTSON)
 - ② - 100-56579 (PHIL BART)
 - 1 - 100-23825 (BENJAMIN DAVIS)

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1 - 100-8057 (EUGENE DENNIS)
1 - 100-1696 (ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN)
1 - 100-16785 (JAMES JACKSON)
1 - 100-16021 (ARNOLD JOHNSON)
1 - 100-105078 (HY LUMER)
1 - 100-48033 (IRVING POTASH)
1 - 100-18065 (JACK STACHEL)
1 - San Francisco (65-1242) (MICKEY LIMA) (RM)
1 - Seattle (100-) (BURT NELSON) (RM)
4 - Chicago
1 - A)134-46
1 - 100-3470 (MORRIS CHILDS)
1 - 61-867 (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT)

June 15, 1959

Time, Type and Place of Meeting

The first day of sessions of a meeting of the National Executive Committee (NEC) of the Communist Party (CP), USA, was held at the National Headquarters of the CP, USA, 23 West 26th Street, New York City, on June 9, 1959.

Persons in Attendance

The following were in attendance at this meeting:

BILL ALBERTSON
PHIL BART
MORRIS CHILDS
BEN DAVIS
EUGENE DENNIS
ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN
GUS HALL
JIM JACKSON
ARNOLD JOHNSON
ANTHONY KRCHMAREK
CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT
MICKEY LIMA
HY LUMER
BURT NELSON
IRVING POTASH
JACK STACHEL
PAT TOOHEY
CARL WINTER

Discussion on Recent Supreme Court Decisions

As previously reported, JACK STACHEL led a discussion, joined in by the majority of those present, on the recent Supreme Court decisions. An outline of this discussion has appeared in "The Worker".

Subcommittee Report on the CP, USA,
Constitution Presented by PHIL BART

PHIL BART presented a subcommittee report on the present constitution of the CP, USA, adopted at the 16th National Convention of the CP, USA. This subcommittee consisted of BART, BILL ALBERTSON, PAT TOOHEY and possibly others.

BART stated that the present constitution of the CP, USA, is a reflection on the ideological struggle taking place at the 16th National Convention. Therefore it contains some revisionist influence. He said that at the time of the 16th National Convention there was a struggle to save the Party. It was saved and that was a big victory. However, the preamble to the constitution is more like a program than a preamble and it contains some revisionist ideas.

Next BART said that the subcommittee considered the following:

1. Discarding the present constitution and substituting a new one.
2. Amending and changing the present constitution, particularly those organizational principles which impede the work of the Party.

BART said that he thinks that it is advisable to keep some sections of the present constitution, eliminate other sections and change some sections. It is necessary to have a sound approach in developing the new constitution. It is also necessary to keep in mind the past history of the Party and that the Marxist-Leninist principles of democratic centralism were often distorted by the bureaucracy of EARL BROWDER and the revisionists.

Continuing, BART stated that the first thing to be considered is the principle of organization. He stated that that which has proven correct for all Communist Parties is democratic centralism. This system of democratic centralism is required for the functioning of the Party

and yet democratic processes will have to be guaranteed. He said that democratic centralism is distorted in the present constitution and has been distorted in practice. Therefore the new constitution will have to insure greater democracy.

With regard to Article V in the present constitution, which deals with National Organization, BART suggested that the first two sections be retained. With regard to Section 3 he would place a period after the words, "All State Committees" and would eliminate the rest of the section. For it he would substitute a statement that the time and place of a special National Convention will be fixed by the National Committee. BART stated that he would retain Section 4 but eliminate Section 5 and replace it with Section 5 of the 1948 constitution. Section 5, which appears on page 16 of the 1948 constitution, reads as follows:

"The National Convention shall elect a National Committee by a majority vote. A member of the Party to be eligible for election to the National Committee shall have been in continuous good standing for at least five years".

Commenting on election to the National Committee, BART stated that federated principles were discarded by the Party in 1919 and yet at the present time the structure of the National Committee is a federated principle and it should be eliminated.

Discussing democratic centralism again, BART asked why democratic centralism loomed so important at the last National Convention and why the present constitution received support even from those who were opposed to revisionism. BART answered this question by stating that there were distortions of democratic centralism in the underground period and the revisionists succeeded in confusing the meaning of democratic centralism and made it synonymous with bureaucracy.

BART stated that the Party leadership has to show that democratic centralism is not in conflict with democratic procedures and will have to stress collectivity of work. He said that in amending the present constitution the present leadership will have to start with the democratic processes set by the previous convention but the new constitution will have to eliminate the following federated forms:

1. Referendum.
2. National Committee members elected by the states.
3. The right to dissent.

BART stated that if the present form remains the CP, USA, will be a debating society instead of a Party of action. Yet the present leadership should not create the idea that it is curbing the membership. It should guarantee an exchange of opinions. However, once an issue is decided all must carry through and abide by it.

Next BART talked about developments in the CP, USA, since the 16th National Convention. He said that since the revisionists were kicked out democratic guarantees were further developed and the Party tried to hew to the line of democratic centralism and the basic principles of organization.

Then BART said that the new constitution has to be written to keep in mind that hundreds who left the CP were not actually opposed to the CP. So it is necessary to create the possibility for their return. He commented that this idea was foremost in the thinking of the members of the subcommittee.

Continuing, BART stated that it is necessary to keep in mind that "the enemy" will scrutinize the new constitution. Thus the Party must not ignore what "the enemy" will be looking for.

Returning to specific provisions in the present constitution, BART stated that the preamble requires a fundamental change. He said that the subcommittee recommends that the present preamble be eliminated since it is too much like a CP program. Once the Party has a new program it does not need this type of preamble. BART said that he would suggest a return to the preamble of the 1948 constitution with a few changes.

He suggested that Article I be retained. Article II would contain ideas similar to those in the present constitution. The first three sections of Article III should be retained. In Section 4 the word reached would be substituted for the word feasible. Added to this section would be a statement that a member may apply for readmission after approval by the CP.

BART stated that Article IV is the basic article in the constitution. He would suggest that state officers be elected annually and that the secret ballot for these elections be eliminated.

Discussion on the Party Constitution

Remarks of CARL WINTER and MICKEY LIMA

CARL WINTER stated that he favors the improvement of the constitution but said that if they were not careful they would create problems for the CP.

MICKEY LIMA's remarks were similar to those of WINTER.

Remarks of BILL ALBERTSON

BILL ALBERTSON said that he had originally favored a new constitution instead of an amended one.

Remarks of JIM JACKSON

JIM JACKSON said that he felt that the new constitution should spell out the titles of the national leadership of the Party.

Remarks of CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT

In his remarks CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT placed emphasis on the legal aspects of a CP constitution in the United States. He said that he felt that from the standpoint of future prosecutions the constitution should not detail too many responsibilities for the membership.

Remarks of IRVING POTASH

IRVING POTASH said that some of the basic concepts in the present constitution are wrong. This includes Marxism-Leninism, democratic centralism, the role of the CP, the role of the leadership, etc. He said that the few things which are not wrong in the present constitution are fuzzy and ambiguous. POTASH also stated that what LIGHTFOOT said is very important.

Remarks of BEN DAVIS

BEN DAVIS stated that the revisionists influenced the present constitution and that it is necessary to re-establish the basic principles of the CP.

Remarks of GUS HALL

GUS HALL stated that PHIL BART raised some real problems and so did CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, therefore it is necessary to pay attention to what they said. HALL said that he felt that they ought to insert something about criticism and self-criticism into the constitution.

Remarks of ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN

ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN stated that she favors rewriting the constitution starting from scratch.

Remarks of ANTHONY KRCHMAREK

After a statement or two by HY LUMER, KRCHMAREK said that it is necessary to keep in mind that the constitution is not the main document for discussion at the convention unless the leadership places emphasis on it which is out of proportion.

Remarks of JACK STACHEL

After brief statements by ARNOLD JOHNSON and MORRIS CHILDS, JACK STACHEL stated that they should keep what is needed in the present constitution and should strike all the rest. He stated that he favors a brief constitution.

Remarks of EUGENE DENNIS

EUGENE DENNIS stated that it is necessary to explain to the membership that in certain periods democratic centralism was distorted and this was particularly true when the CP, USA, was underground. Also the membership should be told that some changes took place after the 16th National Convention. DENNIS said that the present constitution acts as an impediment to the unity of the Party.

In regard to the preamble, DENNIS stated that he would not scrap it. He would eliminate some sections. He would improve on the present preamble. Then DENNIS stated that perhaps a preamble should not be submitted to the membership along with the constitution for discussion purposes. In other words, the preamble could be written later or after the Party program is adopted.

In regard to Article X in the present constitution DENNIS stated that the CP, USA, needs a special resolution in which it lists some of the books the CP, USA, does not assume responsibility for. In this list he would include books by EARL BROWDER, J. PETER's "Manual of Organization", etc.

Closing Remarks of PHIL BART

PHIL BART concluded the discussion on the Party constitution. He said that he felt that it is necessary to give more consideration to the question raised by CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT. He also stated that he favors the writing of the Party program first and that the preamble to the constitution be based on the Party program. He said that the new constitution, in draft form, should be ready for the July meeting of the National Committee.

Motions in Regard to the Party Constitution

A motion was passed requiring that within two weeks a draft constitution, taking into consideration the consensus of the discussion at this meeting, should be written. Further that this draft constitution should be sent to all NEC members and they can submit suggested changes in the form of written amendments.

Report by HY LUMER on the Present
Economic Situation in the United States

The first day of sessions of this NEC meeting concluded with a report by HY LUMER on the present economic situation in the United States.

It was announced that LUMER's report will be mimeographed and sent to all members of the NEC and the National Committee in approximately two weeks.

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-89316)

FRED FINE
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On 6/8/59, NY 1750-S* furnished information regarding a conversation which took place at the residence of PHILIP and CONNIE BART, 2415 Newkirk Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, between the BARTS.

At approximately 6:40 p.m., PHILIP and CONNIE discussed CP affairs and CONNIE asks PHIL what happened that day at National Headquarters. PHIL mentions that there was just a meeting with GENE (DENNIS) and JIM (JACKSON). CONNIE then asked when the next issue of Political Affairs is coming out and PHIL says that it will be next week, but that he did not want it to come out. He comments that the magazine is too expensive and that they would have been better off to skip this issue.

CONNIE then discusses with PHIL what would happen if FRED (FINE) and SID (STEIN) admitted their mistakes and faults and applied for readmission to the CP. She comments that she bets that they would be put right back into leadership. PHIL scoffs at this and says that the whole thing would have to be public and consequently there would be a big fight. CONNIE comments that she would bet that CLAUDE (LIGHTFOOT) would vote for them. PHIL says he doesn't believe he would.

3 - Chicago
 (1 - 100-) (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT)
1 - New York (100-97167) (POLITICAL AFFAIRS)
1 - New York (100-56579) (PHILIP BART) (415)
1 - New York (100-12959) (CONNIE BART) (415)
1 - New York (100-50090) (SID STEIN) (422)
1 - New York (100-8057) (EUGENE DENNIS) (415)
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-56579) DATE: 6/22/59
FROM : SA JOSEPH V. WATERS
SUBJECT: PHIL BART
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On 6/2/59 NY 2002-S*, a source who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available photographs of material located at CP National Headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, New York City. Included in this material, a copy of which is attached hereto, was:

Withholding Exemption Certificate of PHIL BART, undated.

() Forwarded for your information and appropriate action.

() No copy of this memorandum is being retained other than the copy directed as above.

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FORM W-4 (Rev. Aug. 1954)
U. S. Treasury Department
Internal Revenue Service

EMPLOYEE'S WITHHOLDING EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE

Print full name PHILIP BART Social Security No. 356-14-9954
Print home address 2415 Manhattan City Brooklyn 26 State N. Y.

EMPLOYEE:

File this form with your employer. Otherwise, he must withhold U. S. income tax from your wages without exemption.

HOW TO CLAIM YOUR WITHHOLDING EXEMPTIONS

1. If SINGLE, and you claim an exemption, write the figure "1"
2. If MARRIED, one exemption each for husband and wife if not claimed on another certificate.
 - (a) If you claim both of these exemptions, write the figure "2"
 - (b) If you claim one of these exemptions, write the figure "1"
 - (c) If you claim neither of these exemptions, write "0"
3. Exemptions for age and blindness (applicable only to you and your wife but not to dependents):
 - (a) If you or your wife will be 65 years of age or older at the end of the year, and you claim this exemption, write the figure "1"; if both will be 65 or older, and you claim both of these exemptions, write the figure "2"
 - (b) If you or your wife are blind, and you claim this exemption, write the figure "1"; if both are blind, and you claim both of these exemptions, write the figure "2"
4. If you claim exemptions for one or more dependents, write the number of such exemptions. (Do not claim exemption for a dependent unless you are qualified under instruction 3 on other side.)
5. Add the number of exemptions which you have claimed above and write the total

EMPLOYER:

Keep this certificate with your records. If the employee is believed to have claimed too many exemptions, the District Director should be so advised.

I CERTIFY that the number of withholding exemptions claimed on this certificate does not exceed the number to which I am entitled.

(Date) _____, 19____ (Signed) Philip Bart

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-94)

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SAC, CHICAGO (100-33744)

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
UNDERGROUND OPERATIONS
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ReBulet to New York June 9, 1959, requesting the Chicago Division to recontact CG 5824-S* for as much detail as he may be in a position to provide relative to Party plans for an underground movement.

CG 5824-S* orally advised SA JOHN E. KEATING on June 19, 1959, that during the week of June 7, 1959, PHIL BART, National Organization Secretary of the Communist Party (CP), USA, stated that he would have to do some work on a skeleton underground organization.

CG 5824-S* advised that he had no further information in this regard and commented that he believes that BART has not done anything in this matter as yet since he has been too busy with other tasks.

It should be noted that BART is scheduled to be in Chicago on or about July 5, 1959. It is possible that CG 5824-S* may obtain some information from BART about plans for an underground movement at that time.

CG 5824-S* has been and is still aware of the Bureau's desire to obtain all available data on this phase of Party activity. The Bureau will be currently advised of any pertinent developments coming to the attention of the Chicago Division.

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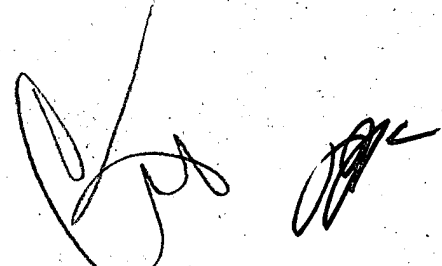
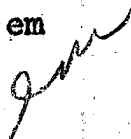
WEEKLY SUMMARY 6/15-6/21/59
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NY 1750-S* advised on 6/15/59, that PHIL BART discussed with his wife, CONNIE, his trip the previous weekend (6/13-14/59) to Boston, Massachusetts. BART said that he had found the Boston area as he expected. He said that there does not seem to be any big issue up there and that the Party will develop. He said that there had been a few good discussions with [redacted] and AL (LNU) who are not "babies" in the movement. CONNIE questioned PHIL if [redacted] was out of the Party and PHIL answered that he is not. He said he had spoken to AL (LNU) who he described as a member of the Joint Board about getting some of the old members back into the Party in the Boston area. He said that on Friday night he had attended a very good meeting of the Administrative Committee (New England CP) which was attended by ANN (BURLAK THIMPSON) and OTIS (HOOD) and one other person. He said he later had talked with ANN who told him that the only ones who were staying in the Party were the older members who stayed because of loyalty but who won't do anything. He said that HOMER (BATES) told him that they were making some changes up there and bringing in some people and were in hopes of getting former members back. He said unfortunately the meeting broke up early because ANN had to go home as she is having trouble with her husband and children. He said that HOMER told him that bringing back former members is not a big issue up there but that they must all be examined before re-entry to find out if they know their Marxism. He said he left the area with a number of good relationships but he is undoubtedly on HOMER's - - - - list. PHIL then explained

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to CONNIE that HOMER did not want DENNIS to go up there nor ARNOLD (JOHNSON) and after they left they got the word that they were definitely not wanted back by him. He said that HOMER probably feels the same way towards him now. He said that HOMER does not want any old members in the Party but new ones because the new ones will not argue against his line.

BART said that HOMER is a full-time organizer with a wife and 3 kids who lives about 100 miles from Boston in Washington, New Hampshire. He said that he and his wife were expecting another child and that he can go home only on weekends. He said his wife won't move to Boston and they have some type of hamburger shack up there. He said that HOMER has some good ideas and apparently is willing to make these sacrifices. He said that HOMER has some brothers who are active in the CP and feel the same way as he does. He said he has worked very hard and built up an organization. He said many of the comrades in the area get some of their radical ideas from him.

BART then spoke about LOU JOHNSON who he considers as a very good CP member and is one of the defendants in the Denver trial. He said that JOHNSON comes from Boston and also has some very good ideas. BART then mentioned that he would like to have "ANN" take over the chairmanship of the Committee on Defense in the Boston area as she has been there for years and it would give her some work to do.

He then spoke of a big banquet that the district had given for BOB (GOODWIN) who is very sick and has 4 kids. He said they had raised \$1,000. for him and now his wife and a sister are opening up a little mimeograph shop. He said that he is formerly from Cleveland and one of his daughters who is 16 and just got out of high school got a scholarship inspite of the fact that he is known to be a CP member.

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PHIL also mentioned that on Friday night he and "JOE" (LNU) had gone to Gloucester and Lynn and that on Saturday night he attended a 25th anniversary party.

NY 1750-S* advised on 6/16/59, that BART in a conversation with his wife spoke regarding a conversation he had had that day with JACK (STACHEL) about a report given by (PAUL) NOVICK who had just returned from Israel. BART told his wife that the report was very enlightening about the situation that exists over there and the role of the Party in that country. NOVICK related that chauvinism was being exhibited toward the Arabs in Israel much as it is by the whites towards the Negro in the United States. PHIL related that he had not heard the report but if what STACHEL told him was true it was a glowing report on the growth of the CP in Israel.

On the same day CONNIE BART mentioned to PHIL that she had spoke to [redacted] who had told her that she had talked with BETTY (GANNETT) the other day and that JIM's (TORMEY) politics are going to be a real problem. CONNIE told PHIL that she does not want to work closely with JIM and that she feels that all JIM and ALBERTSON want to do is to make some kind of a record. (This is undoubtedly in reference to the fact that at a meeting on 6/24/59, in the BARTs apartment JIM TORMEY will be appointed by the Kings County CP Board as the Organizer of the Kings County CP. CONNIE BART is the Assistant Organizational Secretary of the Kings County CP.)

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NY 2359-S* advised on 6/16/59, that the subject had been in attendance on that date at a meeting of the Residents NEC of the CPUSA held on the 3rd floor board room at CP National Headquarters, New York City.

NY 2010-S* advised on 6/16/59, that in a conversation between JACK SHULMAN and PHIL BART regarding

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the national convention of the CPUSA to be held in November, 1959, ^{see page} that "Friday, Saturday and Sunday are definite" but plans regarding Thursday are tentative. BART told SHULMAN that on Thursday night they want to get a hotel or a small hall which will hold about 500 people for the purpose of opening the affair and in order to give it a public character and invite a number of people. He said then the convention would go into session on Friday morning, Saturday and Sunday.

NY 1750-S* advised on 6/17/59, that CONNIE BART had related to PHIL BART about meeting the person who lived near them and who had been an original member of the LYL. She said that this person is in a cultural club in Manhattan with ABE (MAGIL) and SAM BARRON and wanted to transfer to Brooklyn. CONNIE told PHIL that she might be able to start some type of a cultural section in Brooklyn and use this person as the nucleus as he knows a lot of people who could do a lot of good. She told PHIL that there was a younger group coming into the Party and that soon a lot of the leadership who thought nothing could be done are going to be very surprised.

Later on the same date source advised that CONNIE asked PHIL during a discussion if he really liked the job he was doing. PHIL answered that he could not give an answer without giving it a lot of thought but if he had not wanted the assignment no one could have forced him to take it.

NY 1750-S* advised on 6/18/59, that CONNIE BART advised PHIL that she was going out that evening to a meeting of the Kings County CP County Board and that DANNY (RUBEL, Organizational Secretary, Kings County CP) was going to pick her up. She also told BART that the next meeting of the County Board would be held in their apartment "next week" (6/24/59).

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NY 1750-S* advised on 6/19/59, that PHIL BART had mentioned to his wife that during the day he had seen JACK CHILDS. He then discussed the "picnic" (Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born) which they were going to on Sunday, 6/21/59. He told CONNIE that they were going to take ELIZABETH (FLYNN) in the car with them to the picnic.

Later PHIL discussed legal fees with CONNIE and mentioned that MARY KAUFMAN is getting \$1,000. "for that case." (The ROBERT THOMPSON appeal) PHIL said that the Party should retain KAUFMAN full-time and that they had offered her \$9,000. a year.

PHIL then discussed the attitude of JACK SHULMAN at National Headquarters. He said he had given SHULMAN a message to take back to BILL (FOSTER) on a policy matter and that SHULMAN had started to argue and discuss it with him. He said he told SHULMAN that he had asked him to take a message to FOSTER and bring one back if FOSTER had an answer and not for a discussion of NEC policy. He said that IRVING (POTASH) had told him that he had the same trouble with SHULMAN and that on one occasion after SHULMAN had left IRVING had commented "that . . . since when has he become a policy maker."

NY 1750-S* advised on 6/20/59, that BART had engaged in an argument with his wife regarding his moodiness and being "bothered" by something. BART had finally yelled at his wife "all right I'm worried about the office; I'm worried about my relationships with BILL (FOSTER), with ARNOLD (JOHNSON). I'm worried about my relationships with GENE (DENNIS) and BEN (DAVIS)."

NY 1750-S* advised on 6/21/59, that the BARTS had discussed a picnic which they returned from on that date (held by the Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born) and PHIL spoke about a TOM FITZPATRICK who

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had lived most of his life in Pittsburgh and wants to get back into the UE. He said that FITZPATRICK told him at the picnic that he had been sidetracked by the Party after devoting all of his life to its activities. PHIL mentioned that he was thinking of having FITZPATRICK head a committee of some kind or a committee connected with industry and that after all he was 56 years old and should get something.

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SA ALEXANDER C. BURLINSON (#415)

CP, USA ORGANIZATION

Source: NY 694-S*

Reliability: Who has furnished reliable information in the past

Date of Activity: 6/19/59

Date Received: 6/22/59

Received By: SA ALEXANDER C. BURLINSON

NY 694-S advised that according to PHIL BART, CP, USA Organizational Secretary, the CP, USA national convention will be held at Academy Hall, ~~14th St. and Broadway~~, on Thanksgiving weekend. BART mentioned the 10th floor of the said building as the probable site of the convention, and also stated that there would be special elevators for delegates.

Referring to the current CP, USA fund drive, BART stated that it was "horrible." New York State CP, he said, has not received in donations even twenty-five per cent of what was expected. Ordinarily, BART said, the New York State CP accounts for half of what is obtained throughout the country.

- 1 - New York 134-91 (INV.) (415)
- 1 - New York 100-74560 (CP, USA-FUNDS) (415)
- 1 - New York 100-128314 (CP, USA - NY DISTRICT) FUNDS (416)
- ① - New York 100-56579 (PHIL BART) (415)
- 1 - New York 100-80641 (415)

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TO : SAC, BOSTON (100-
 FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-80645)
 SUBJECT: CP - ORGANIZATION
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DATE: 6/23/59

On 6/11/59, NY 1750-S* furnished information regarding a conversation which took place at the residence of PHILIP and CONNIE BART, 2415 Newkirk Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, between the BARTS.

At approximately 6:55 p.m., CONNIE and PHIL BART discuss some CP business and CONNIE comments that she has to go to a meeting in Coney Island that night but that she would try to get home before midnight.

PHIL then mentions a committee being established at headquarters for the celebration of the birthdays of ELIZABETH FLYNN and JIM JACKSON. CONNIE comments that she will have to have ELIZABETH to dinner some night in the near future.

PHIL then comments that he is going to Boston this weekend and that he would attempt to return by Sunday night and that he is also anticipating a future trip to Chicago where he will meet with JIM WEST. CONNIE questions

- 3 - Boston (RM)
- (1 - 100-) (HOMER CHASE)
- 2 - Chicago (100-) (MORRIS CHILDS) (RM)
- (1 - 100-) (JIM WEST)
- 2 - Milwaukee (100-) (ALAN SHAW) (RM)
- 1 - New York (100-7696) (ELIZABETH FLYNN) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-16785) (JIM JACKSON) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-12959) (CONNIE BART) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-8057) (EUGENE DENNIS) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-26603) (43) (CP - KINGS) (415)
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him on what kind of a meeting was taking place in Boston. PHIL said he did not know what they were going to have up there.

PHIL mentions that he received a letter from ALAN SHAW from Wisconsin and that SHAW says he has to give up his organizational job in Wisconsin. PHIL says that MORRIS CHILDS considers SHAW's move a blessing. CONNIE then questions PHIL if CHASE (HOMER) is the representative from Boston and PHIL says that he is.

CONNIE questions PHIL on how he is getting along with GENE (DENNIS) and PHIL comments "okay". CONNIE questions him if GENE still has his "sarcasm", to which PHIL answers "Oh yeah! He'll never loose that".

PHIL says that he would like to see a meeting of the National Executive Committee where every member does not have to get up and give a speech. He says that at this recent one he was extremely bored as some members talked a lot and said nothing.

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SA HAROLD P. QUINN (415)

CP, USA - ORGANIZATION
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On 6/1/59, NY 1750-S* furnished information regarding a conversation which took place at the residence of PHILIP and CONSTANCE BART, 2415 Newkirk Ave., Brooklyn, NY, between the BARTs.

CONNIE BART mentioned to PHIL in their conversation that ALLEN LAWS is now working as a porter. She comments that she is very surprised because she does not think he is the type for that kind of work.

She then asked PHIL if EUGENE DENNIS ever says much to him at the office and PHIL said that they talk quite a good deal and they have lunch together quite often. She asked if he had seen any people and he said that he had talked to HY LUMER. She then asked if there is anything new on organization and he said nothing, but that they had wanted to form a youth organization that is not socialistic.

1 - NY (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
1 - NY (100-12959) (CONNIE BART) (415)
1 - NY (100-99369) (ALAN LAWS) (422)
1 - NY (100-8057) (EUGENE DENNIS) (415)
1 - NY (100-105078) (HY LUMER) (415)
1 - NY (100-80544) (CP - Youth) (415)
1 - NY (100-99369) (422)
1 - NY (100-80648)

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, BALTIMORE [redacted] b7D DATE: 6/17/59
FROM : SA ROBERT C. NORTON
SUBJECT: INFORMATION FURNISHED BY SECURITY INFORMANT

The documentation for this information is as follows:

Identity of Source	Date of Activity and/or Description of Information	Date Furn.	Agent	Location
[redacted] (who has furnished reliable information in the past)	[redacted]	5/25/59	ROBERT C. NORTON (Written)	[redacted]

CARE SHOULD BE USED IN REPORTING THIS INFORMATION IN ORDER THAT THE IDENTITY OF THE INFORMANT MAY BE FULLY PROTECTED

The text of the informant's statement is as follows:

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cc's:

4 - New York (Registered Mail)
ORGANIZATION, CP, USA

[redacted]
PHIL BARTV
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2 - Washington Field (Registered Mail)
ORGANIZATION, MD.-D.C.

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25 - Baltimore

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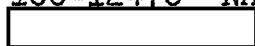
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100-12462 YOUTH MATTERS
100-11950 STEEL CLUB
100-17819 NORTHWEST BALTO. CP CLUB
100-17339 COMINFIL NAACP
100-12458 FACTIONALISM
100-11640 FUNDS
100-21605 LIBERTY BOOK CLUB FORUM
100-12485 NEGRO QUESTION
100-21140 NEGRO CP CLUB
100-12125 PAMPHLETS & PUBLICATIONS
100-12948 WORKER
100-12470 NATIONAL GROUPS



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" Baltimore, Maryland
[redacted]

The following report concerns a Maryland - [redacted]
[redacted] meeting held [redacted] at [redacted]
[redacted] Baltimore, Maryland. In addition
to [redacted] the following CP [redacted] were
present: [redacted] for the CP
[redacted] member;

[redacted] at about 8:45 PM. He
found [redacted] in the living room.

[redacted] at about 8:55 PM.
They arrived at [redacted] at about 9:20 PM.

[redacted] came downstairs and mixed up a large
portion of vodka and orange juice. She then went
upstairs. During the meeting, [redacted]
drank from the container, having three or four drinks
apiece. It was noted that [redacted]
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The meeting started at about 9:25 PM, with [redacted] setting
up the agenda as follows:

1. A report on a CP youth meeting held recently
with [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]
[redacted] present, the latter two being Negro CP
Club members.
2. A report by [redacted]
3. A report by [redacted]
4. A report by [redacted] on recent CP contacts with the
National Association for the Advancement of Colored
People (NAACP) labor groups.

[redacted] then gave a report on the youth meeting, which was
followed by [redacted] report on the most recent CP [redacted]
meeting of [redacted]

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[redacted] then said that at the last meeting of the [redacted] CP Club, some of the members, such as [redacted] and [redacted] did not appear. She said that not much was done, and that the persons present did not like the report that she gave on the most recent CP [redacted] and CP [redacted] [redacted] said that they felt the District Board was not setting up a program which would improve the Party.

[redacted] interrupted, saying the Party had been asking everyone to be active but the people in Northwest refused to move.

[redacted] then added that the [redacted] wanted someone from the [redacted] to meet with them and discuss some things, particularly the factional situation. She said she had tried to explain the situation to them, but they were not satisfied. [redacted] then said that this was the sort of thing which had discouraged [redacted] [redacted] and made her feel there was no value in attending meetings regularly.

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[redacted] then said she had tried to get the people in Northwest interested in the Party fund drive, but they were not enthusiastic about donating.

[redacted] said that the one good thing happening in Northwest was the general interest in the Liberty Book Club Forum, which was being held June 5, 1959. She said that an open letter had been prepared and was to be mailed out that Thursday. She said the [redacted] wanted Negroes to attend the forum.

[redacted] then said that was all she had to report, and asked which member from the [redacted] could attend a [redacted] meeting.

After a moment's silence, [redacted] suggested that [redacted] attend. [redacted] agreed, but said he felt the [redacted] [redacted] should meet first to approve what he planned to tell the [redacted]. This was agreed upon.

[redacted] then said that June 4-6, 1959, were the dates planned for the next National Executive Committee meeting to be held in New York. He said these dates had been set

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by the person who had taken [redacted] job, and he did not agree with holding national CP meetings in the middle of the week since only paid CP functionaries could attend.

[redacted] then asked who had taken [redacted] job, and he said PHIL BART.

[redacted] asked where BART had come from, and said he hadn't heard of him for some time. [redacted] said that BART had been around and at the last National Committee meeting had been accepted as a National Committee member.

[redacted] then pointed out that the Liberty Book Club Forum was being held June 5, 1959, and asked [redacted] whether he would be out of the city. [redacted] said that he only planned to be in New York for one day.

[redacted] then reported on the CP [redacted] meeting he and [redacted] had held with [redacted]. He then proposed that the [redacted] for [redacted] [redacted] so they could attend a national CP youth conference to be held May 30-31, 1959, in New York City. This was approved.

[redacted] then reported on the activities of CP members at recent NAACP labor meetings held in Baltimore.

[redacted] then asked whether there were any expenses. [redacted] then secured \$6.00 from [redacted] for money he had spent in attending the NAACP labor conference and dinner on May 16, 1959.

[redacted] then received \$10.00 from [redacted] which he had [redacted]

[redacted] stated that he had given \$16.00 to the [redacted] last March from the [redacted], and asked for a 20 per cent refund to be used by the club so they could pay for their CP literature in advance. This was approved, and [redacted] some money.

[redacted] then took out a piece of paper, about 4 inches wide by 6 inches long with a green edge, and said that he had a

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letter which was from [redacted]
CP [redacted] and that [redacted] planned to visit Baltimore
the following week.

[redacted] appeared surprised, and said that [redacted]
[redacted] had been [redacted] the previous week and had asked
for [redacted] but had gotten no information. [redacted] then said
that [redacted] to get people to
attend the [redacted] He added that he expected
about 20 to attend.

[redacted] then pointed out that the Party fund drive would
have to be stepped up since the Baltimore quota for both
The Worker and the Party totaled \$1,250.00.

[redacted] then turned over to [redacted] \$47.50, which he said he
had received from a national group in East Baltimore.

[redacted] that in the future all CP literature
and CP dues money should be given to him first so he could
make a listing, and that he would then give [redacted] the
dues money but would handle the literature money himself.

[redacted] looked upset, and said that she was keeping the
records properly. [redacted] said that wasn't the question,
and that what he wanted to do was to pay the literature
bills more promptly. [redacted] indicated she was satisfied
but looked unhappy.

It was then decided that the next [redacted] meeting
would be held after June 5, 1959.

The meeting ended at about 11:30 PM. "

This memo has been compared with informant's original statement
and it is accurate in substance.

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WILLIAM Z. FOSTER
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Source NY 1696-S*
Date of Activity 6/1/59
Reliability Who has furnished reliable
information in the past

If the following information is used in report,
or otherwise disseminated it must be paraphrased to
protect the informant.

Informant advised that JACK SHULMAN while
in conversation with an unknown male stated that he
has found a place for the National Committee (meeting
place for the next NC Meeting), but not for the other
one (for the National Convention) SHULMAN
also said that it does not look good, and that he has
tried several places. He said the place on Second
Ave. is booked up a year in advance, and that the
hotel has all the big halls tied with a Jewish caterer.
He said that Adelphi (Hall) does not have a single
room large enough. He added that he still thinks
the first one he reported on is the best one, but
that they are going to have to act on that one before
much longer.

The informant was able to identify the
person to whom SHULMAN was speaking as either PHIL
(ph) or BILL (ph) possibly (PHIL BART).

Subsequently the informant advised that
JACK SHULMAN contacted HERB APTEKER and told him that
FOSTER wants to see him before he goes away. They

1 - NY (100-80532) (HERBERT APTEKER) (415)
1 - NY (100-80641) (CP, USA ORGANIZATION) (415)
① - NY (100-565679) (PHIL BART) (415)
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arranged for SHULMAN to pick APTHEKER up at his office at about noon on 6/10/59, and drive APTHEKER up to the country to visit FOSTER. (Crompond, New York).

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Enclosed herewith is a photostat of a six page pamphlet entitled "Is The Communist Party, USA, In Its Present Form The Proper Organization To Bring Socialism To America?" The original of this pamphlet was furnished by [redacted] on [redacted] and returned to him on the following day.

This pamphlet was originally received by [redacted] of the [redacted] NY.

Extreme care should be exercised in the dissemination of the information contained in this letter because of the personal involvement of the informant.

The informant's comments concerning this pamphlet are as follows:

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On 6/15/59, PHIL BART of the National Office of the CP, USA, stated that he had received reports of the distribution of a six page pamphlet entitled "Is The Communist Party, USA, In Its Present Form The Proper Organization To Bring Socialism To America?", from Providence, RI and NYC.

[redacted] also stated that the Party had received reports of a considerable amount of this literature throughout NYC. He said it is so crude that although they (CP) would like to blame it on the right wing, they are of the conclusion it is from the FBI for agitational purposes.

- 2 - Bureau (100-3-104) (Encl. 1) (RM)
- 3 - Newark [redacted] (RM)
- (1 - 100- [redacted])
- (1 - 100- [redacted]) (CP, USA, Counter Intelligence Program)
- 1 - NY [redacted]
- ① - NY 100-56570 (PHIL BART) (RM)
- 1 - NY [redacted] (416)
- 1 - NY 100-129302 (415)

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Secondly, [redacted] stated, if it were anyone outside or inside the Party, it is all probability, would be that "agency" would send [redacted] and others who would try to cause all the trouble they could, but would not use the approach used in this pamphlet. They would not try to reach people inside the Party or try to influence them with a collection of arguments given by people who have quit the Party and who have stated that there is no room in this country for the CP.

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It was also pointed out that this was in an FBI pamphlet because only the FBI would know the names and addresses of such a widely separated group as those to whom this pamphlet was sent.

It is the conclusion of the National Office of the CP, USA that this pamphlet was sent out by the FBI.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)

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SAC, CHICAGO (100-33741)

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CG 5324-S* on June 19, 1950, made available to SA JOHN E. KEATING for photostating a two-page mimeographed document dated June 17, 1950, addressed "To All National Committee Members" and signed, "PHIL BART, National Org. Secretary".

This document states: "We are sending you a brief resume of minutes of recent meetings of the N.E.C."

One photostat copy of this item is enclosed herewith to the Bureau and the New York Division. The Chicago copy is located in Chicago file 100-33741-1B3(98).

2 - Bureau (RM) (Incl. 1)
② - New York (RM) (Incl. 1)
1 - 100-80641 (CP, USA, Organization)
① - 100-53570 (PHIL BART)
2 - Chicago
1 - 100-134-46

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69) DATE: 6/23/59

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641)

SUBJECT: CPUSA - ORGANIZATION
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CARE MUST BE UTILIZED IN HANDLING AND REPORTING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION SINCE ITS VERY NATURE TENDS TO IDENTIFY A SENSITIVE AND HIGHLY PLACED INFORMANT.

3 - Bureau (100-3-69)(RM)
 (1- 100-3-105)(CPUSA-SOUTHERN REGIONAL COMMITTEE)
1 - Chicago (INFO)(RM)
1 - NY (100-56579)(PHIL BART)(415)
1 - NY (100-18065)(JACK STACHEL)(415)
1 - NY (100-129629)(BILL ALBERTSON)(416)
1 - NY (100-105078)(HY LUMER)
1 - NY (100-84275)(WILLIAM L. PATTERSON)(425)
1 - NY (100-48033)(IRVING POTASH)(415)
1 - NY (100-16785)(JAMES JACKSON)(415)
1 - NY (100-74560)(CPUSA - FUNDS)
1 - NY (97-169)(PUBLISHERS NEW PRESS)
1 - NY (100-131666)(CPUSA - SOUTHERN REGIONAL COMMITTEE)
1 - NY (100-80641)

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On 6/3/59, NY 2359-S* advised that on this date an informal discussion was held in the Third Floor Board Room, CP Headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, New York City. Informant advised that the discussion lasted a little over one hour and pertained generally to the Party situation and the fund drive.

Informant advised that in attendance were:

PHIL BART
JACK STACHEL
BILL ALBERTSON
HY LUMER
WILLIAM L. PATTERSON
IRVING POTASH
JAMES JACKSON
and possibly others.

According to the informant, the discussion opened with PHIL BART commenting that the Fund Drive is to be in two sections, the first part of the drive to end in July.

JACK STACHEL expressed the opinion that not enough was being done through the paper ("The Worker"). He thought they should concentrate on county mobilization in order that everyone participate. He noted that in some clubs there are people to do the work whereas in other clubs there is no one charged with the responsibility.

WILLIAM Z. PATTERSON stated that the problem has been the lack of organizational follow up.

IRVING POTASH observed that more "leg work" was needed and felt that money would come in as a result of establishing contacts. STACHEL interrupted

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POTASH to state that a special meeting should be called of about 15 people to discuss the problem.

PHIL BART suggested that they set up a series of meetings and mentioned an Eastern Seaboard meeting "outside of NY" in July and then following the NC meeting (July 25, 26), the Chicago (people ?) remain over July 27 and 28, for a full report.....

It was indicated that such a meeting should take place and STACHEL was in favor of having a small group specifically numbering about ten people.

Continuing informant advised that JAMES JACKSON then discussed "Southern solidarity" (apparently referring to Southern Solidarity Fund) and commented that it has become a joke in the Party..... "We" had discussions on the budget..... "has forced us to cut our operations!.....being low man on the "totem pole" and always sacrificed. We will have to fight this out.....if we have to retreat and can't provide a specialized service.....have to "close up shop"

The Southern operation is totally disliked. We have four meetings a year where the comrades come in..... literature has to be "gotten in by a special apparatus and is constantly confiscated,....."

Informant noted that JACKSON then apparently utilized the added security of the blackboard and this information was not available to the informant.

JACKSON indicated that some money that had been raised apparently for Southern work had to be diverted to other purposes. He then stated that the consequences are.....that the Party has no capacity to service or sustain a Party organization in the South.

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Informant advised that it was agreed that the problem would have to be looked into. BILL ALBERTSON commented that Southern work is important.

The above is set out for informational purposes.

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-8699)

CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT
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On 6/7/59, NY 1750-S* furnished information regarding a conversation which took place at the residence of PHILIP and CONNIE BART, 2415 Newkirk Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, between the BARTS.

At approximately 4:45 p.m., PHIL and CONNIE BART discusses a number of persons who are going away for the summer. CONNIE mentions that [redacted] ANDY [redacted] would probably take a trip to Europe if ANDY could get out from under this "thing" (government prosecution). She states because of this he would not be able to get a passport.

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CONNIE comments that [redacted] ANDY's relationship with the CP is not a bad one but PHIL says that "it isn't good". CONNIE comments that ANDY is an only child and is completely under the thumb of his mother. PHIL answers that [redacted] had the same thing. CONNIE mentions that [redacted] went to an analyst and they worked the problem out. She says that [redacted] ANDY caused "RUTH" to leave the house but that she has stayed in the Party. PHIL comments that that was very good.

CONNIE then asked PHIL if BEN DAVIS and JIM JACKSON get on very well, to which PHIL just grunts.

- 2 - Chicago
- ① - New York (100-56579) (PHILIP BART) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-12959) (CONSTANCE BART) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-14899) (ANDY REMES) (411)
- 1 - New York [redacted]
- 1 - New York (100- [redacted]) (RUTH LNU who formerly resided with [redacted] and ANDY [redacted])
- 1 - New York (100-16785) (JIM JACKSON) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-23825) (BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR.) (416)
- 1 - New York (100-98699)

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CONNIE comments that it is probably a factional question between them, to which PHIL says yes. He comments that one has a man's sensitivity and the other is a more abstract type of scholar. He said there is a Brahman quality about JACKSON, to which CONNIE agrees. PHIL then comments on the approaching National Executive Committee meeting and says that "CLAUDE" (LIGHTFOOT) will not be in until the last day of the meeting because he has to be in court Wednesday.

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DATE: 6/25/59

Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT

Via AIRTEL RM

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641)

SUBJECT: CPUSA - ORGANIZATION
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CARE MUST BE UTILIZED IN HANDLING AND REPORTING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION SINCE ITS VERY NATURE TENDS TO IDENTIFY A SENSITIVE AND HIGHLY PLACED INFORMANT.

- 4 - Bureau (100-3-69)(RM)
(1-61-3176)(COMINFIL NAACP)
- 2 - Chicago (INFO)(RM)
(1-100-) (GIL GREEN)
- 1 - NY (100-8057) (EUGENE DENNIS) (415)
- 1 - NY (100-1696) (ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN) (415)
- 1 - NY (100-48033) (IRVING POTASH) (415)
- 1 - NY (100-16785) (JAMES E. JACKSON) (415)
- 1 - NY [REDACTED] (415) b6
- 1 - NY (100-84275) (WILLIAM L. PATTERSON) (415) b7c
- 1 - NY (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
- 1 - NY (100-23825) (BEN DAVIS, JR) (416)
- 1 - NY (100-7918) (PAUL NOVICK) (411)
- 1 - NY (100-16021) (ARNOLD JOHNSON) (415)
- 1 - NY (100-7629) (COMINFIL NAACP) (41)
- 1 - NY (100-54651) (CPUSA - NATIONAL GROUPS) (415)
- 1 - NY (100-26603) (CPUSA - DISTRICT #2) (416)
- 1 - NY (100-20789) (W.E.B. DU BOIS) (425)
- 1 - NY (100-18065) (JACK STACHEL) (415)
- 1 - NY (100-80640) (CPUSA - NEGRO QUESTION) (415)
- 1 - NY (100-269) (HENRY WINSTON) (411)
- 1 - NY (100-80641)

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On 6/23/59, NY 2359-S* advised that the regularly scheduled meeting of the Resident NEC, CPUSA and invited guests was held on above date in the third floor board room, CP Headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, NYC. Among those believed to be in attendance were:

EUGENE DENNIS
ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN
IRVING POTASH
JAMES E. JACKSON

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PHIL BART
WILLIAM L. PATTERSON
BEN DAVIS, JR.
JACK STACHEL
an individual believed to be PAUL NOVICK, and
ARNOLD JOHNSON

EUGENE DENNIS acted as chairman and announced the agenda as follows:

1. NAACP convention.
2. Report on the Party organization in NY.
3. Report by PAUL NOVICK on his recent trip abroad.

Informant advised that BEN DAVIS, JR. was not present at the start of the meeting and some discussion followed as to whether the second point on the agenda could be taken up without representation of New York State.

[redacted] was finally called upon to make the report concerning the forthcoming NAACP Convention. [redacted] cited the difficulties the NAACP was having in gaining official recognition in the Southern states. He pointed out that the (NAACP)

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Convention will take place at a time when they are fighting against a reactionary offensive of the Negro people. He said competition between mass action of the Negroes and the policy of non-violence advocated by the NAACP reflects itself in leadership problems, policy and general structure of the NAACP.

[] further remarked that the NAACP had found 2,094 violations of desegregation "out of a total of 1,372 school districts; 19 are integrated..... This means an average of 4 districts a year integrated over the past 5 years.....and it will take 238/48^{years} be fully integrated."

[] then read a proposed open letter to the NAACP which paid tribute to that organization. Part one of the letter is to deal with the NAACP contributions to the Negro movement; part two is to deal with civil rights and civil liberties as being the center of the Negro rights movement; and part three is to deal with the Negro's economic conditions. [] felt that there should be included in this letter a section on the need for greater unity of all the population, "based on a standard of dedication to fight segregation." He said the letter will be sent to the Negro press and leading Negro leaders.

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[] also remarked that arrangements have been made to have several hundred copies of (W. E. B.) DuBOIS' speech on China sent to leading Negroes and to the Negro press.

[] expressed the opinion that New York could play a key role at the convention (NAACP). He cited activities such as street meetings in Harlem and Bedford-Stuyvesant area in Brooklyn, which could have a certain influence on the NAACP program which "is so weak as to be almost non-existent."

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Following [] report there was a discussion. JACK STACHEL remarked that he fully agreed with the report and in particular with the aforementioned letter. STACHEL said that emphasis should be placed upon the role of the labor movement and in particular on the role of the Negro worker. WILLIAM L. PATTERSON suggested that an open letter to the President (of the US) should be a necessary accompaniment to the open letter to the NAACP. PATTERSON in referring to Accra, stated that Accra advocated fighting for the rights of the sons of Negroes all over the world, and he said that there must be an answer from the American Negroes. PATTERSON also was of the opinion that (W. E. B.) DuBOIS should send an open letter to the convention because he is the greatest living Negro leader today, and anything said by him would have a profound impact.

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EUGENE DENNIS also favored a personal letter by Dr. DuBOIS and said that the starting point of the Party's open letter should be on the issue of peace. DENNIS commented that this letter should also include a reference to the participation of the national local leadership (CP) in the "pilgrimage" and youth march.

DENNIS also suggested that with regard to "amnesty" that perhaps a short appeal or petition could be circulated among the delegates at (NAACP) convention.

BEN DAVIS, JR. spoke and stated that the role of the Party in the next period is to become the champion of the whole Negro Liberation Movement. He said the Party has a double role, (1) to fight for the unity of the Negro people, (2) mobilize the labor movement. DAVIS also remarked that "inside the NAACP I think there is possibility of getting the NAACP to take a more progressive stand." He stated that large sections of the Negro people do not consider the NAACP adequate or sufficient to meet the present situation.

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DAVIS felt that "left currents" within the NAACP should be strengthened and at the convention to develop this current.

DAVIS commented that with regard to "amnesty," HENRY WINSTON'S case is a special one because WINSTON is part of the Negro people's movement and in that sense is different from the case of BOB (THOMPSON) and GIL (GREEN). He added that we want the Negro people to claim (HENRY) WINSTON as their son. DAVIS also remarked that they must have a Negro commission which functions with the National Office, adding that this is indispensable to the Party in the present situation with regard to Negro work.

Informant advised that PAUL NOVICK then gave a report on his trip abroad, but the informant was not able to determine his comments.

Following NOVICK'S report, discussion followed and both BEN DAVIS, JR. and EUGENE DENNIS wanted further discussion on the report at a later date.

✓ BEN DAVIS, JR. stated that since the original discussion regarding a NY report was between BILL (ALBERTSON) and PHIL (BART), and he was not included, no report could be given at this meeting as he did not know what the comrades wanted.

It was decided that a NY report would be given at a later date.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641)(415)
SUBJECT: CP, USA - ORGANIZATION
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On 6/29/59, NY 694-S* advised SA ALEXANDER C. BURLINSON that on said date PHIL BART, CPUSA Organizational Secretary, stated that the CP is not satisfied with present arrangements for the CP National Convention. BART said that on 6/29/59 or 6/30/59, he would go to Theresa Hall (Hotel Theresa) at 125th St. and 7th Ave., NYC, to attempt to arrange that the convention be held there during the originally planned period of December 10 to 13, 1959. Bureau and Chicago will be advised of further developments in this matter.

3 - Bureau (100-3-69)(RM)
1 - Chicago (100-46)(CG 5824-S)(RM)
1 - NY 134-91 (INV)(415)
1 - NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART)(422)
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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3284)

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PHILIP BART
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WEEKLY SUMMARY 6/22 to 6/28/59
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On 6/22/59, NY 1750-S* advised that the subject had discussed with his wife, CONNIE, a meeting of the NY State CP Committee, which he had attended that night. He mentioned that the NY State (CP) now has a registered membership of 1,717 and possibly 1,800 by now. He said that they should register 2,000 members before the National Convention. He continued that a proposal had been made that the "Industrial" (Division of the CP) be broken up and some of the Sections be sent back to the "communities". He said that the proposal is meeting with a lot of opposition and will have to be discussed thoroughly. He said that the idea behind it is that the percentage of Negroes and Puerto Ricans in "Industrial" is too small. He said that these people are not "going to stick their necks out in the unions (to back the CP), but will open up in their neighborhoods on items like discrimination and housing."

He also mentioned that the National Office was asking for organizational reports from all the Districts so they would have no surprise ones at the Convention. He said NY was scheduled to give the first report, but "BEN" (DAVIS) is balking, claiming that they are checking on him and asking why they do not schedule California first.

NY 2359-S* advised that the subject had been in attendance at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Resident NEC, CP, USA, which was held at CP Headquarters on 6/23/59.

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1 - New York (100-56579)

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The source advised that most of the meeting was taken up with a report by [redacted] on the NAACP. At the end of the night, a report on the NY State CP was discussed and BEN DAVIS stated that he had not been included in the original discussion on the report, which was between BILL ALBERTSON and the subject. DAVIS commented that because of this he was unable to find out just what ALBERTSON and the subject wanted.

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NY 1750-S* advised on 6/23/59, that CONNIE BART had discussed with the subject the fact that she was looking for a new job and would like to start on it sometime around August the first.

NY 1750-S* advised that on 6/23 and 24/59, the subject and his wife discussed the two week vacation and "business" trip they were going to start on the weekend of July the fourth. The source advised that the subject had said he had heard from "MORRIS" (CHILDS), who "is waiting for them". The subject said while there (Chicago) they "will visit people, spending a day with the KLINGS (JACK), one with the CHILDS and CLAUDE (LIGHTFOOT) sent instructions on how to get to his place."

The subject also mentioned that he intended taking a trip to Milwaukee for one day and his wife replied that she would like to go with him. The source said on 6/23/59, CONNIE BART had made tentative reservations for Sunday, July the twelfth at the "Le Robinson Inn" in Paterson, NY, for the second week of their vacation.

On 6/24/59, NY 1750-S* advised that the subject and his wife had discussed the contribution of \$200.00 which the National Office had received from someone who was disgusted with the county and state (NY CP) and that they wanted to give it to the National Office. The subject

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then related that he and "GENE" (DENNIS), "JACK" (STACHEL) and "JIM" (JACKSON) had discussed a report by the NY State CP. He said that no report on NY had been given since the last convention and that "BEN" (DAVIS) is very reluctant to make one. The subject commented that "GENE" (DENNIS) had just returned from Detroit.

The source advised that later in the evening (6/24/59) a meeting was held at the BART'S apartment (Kings County CP Board), but that the source was unable to obtain any information other than references to "county organizer" and "JIM" (TORMEY).

On 6/25/59, NY 1750-S* advised that PHIL BART had discussed with his wife a meeting he had attended that evening with JACK STACHEL and BILL ALBERTSON. From the discussion, it appeared that the meeting had not been well attended and was not considered a success. He mentioned to his wife that he had seen "MORRIS" (CHILDS) that day and that CHILDS wanted them to stay with them in Chicago on their vacation if his wife was not too sick. BART mentioned that CHILDS did not have too much to say, but complained of a lot of factional activity in his area. He said to his wife that regarding membership in the Party that if the NY Organization wanted more members they could attract from three to five hundred by just putting an ad in the paper advertising for recruits.

BART continued by saying that the NY State Organization is complaining that they are getting a "raw" deal from the National Office; however, they really have delusions of grandeur and would have to get over it and they will begin to make some progress.

On 6/26/59, NY 1750-S* furnished information regarding the conversation between the subject and his wife about an exchange which had taken place that week

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between "IRVING" (POTASH) and "JACK" (SHULMAN). The subject said that there is a feeling that SHULMAN is not carrying messages back to "BILL" (FOSTER), but is making the decisions himself. He said that somebody told him last week to go ahead and deliver the messages and stop giving opinions.

BART then discussed "DANNY" (RUBEL - Organizational Secretary, Kings County, CP), who is a functionary in the Brooklyn, CP. From the discussion, it would appear that RUBEL has troubles at home because his wife does not agree with him on a number of matters. The subject commented that "DANNY" is a "leftist", who feels that radical leftism is the salvation of the Party. BART continued that this kind of thinking is wrong and the sooner these people realize it the better. He said that these people better wake up soon or it will be too late.

BART later discussed with his wife, CONNIE, what he feels is wrong with the CP today. He said that there are too many people being paid by the CP and mentioned [redacted] who "hangs around all day and has nothing to do". He then mentions "RUTH" (SHULMAN), who "isn't worth what she is paid". He continued saying that the present building, housing national and state headquarters is too expensive and not needed. He said they will finally have to get out of there. He then mentioned "the guy who came down from Buffalo which was all paid for by the Party (MILT ROSEN) and that sponger SAM (KUSHNER) from Chicago, do you know he is on full salary and he doesn't write enough for a full day's pay and BILLY (ALLEN) in Detroit, who is in charge of circulation does the same thing."

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BART continued by telling his wife that what they should do is get out of their present location and move to where they have "three or four cubbyholes, that is all we need. Take BEN DAVIS, if he is going to concentrate on Harlem, let him rent a place on 125th St., in the middle

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of Harlem and go to work. We don't need him in the office. We have 11 men upstairs in the National Office and that is too many. We spend and spend for salaries and it is no wonder we can't spend anything for recruiting. We can't even pay our bills. We've got to cut out a lot of our foolish expenses or we'll be in trouble."

NY 1750-S* advised on 6/28/59 that the subject and his wife discussed Tuesday, (June 30, 1959) and CONNIE mentioned that "JIM" (TORMEY) would be visiting ~~them~~ and it appeared that he would probably have to bring BEN DAVIS along with him as they were both going to the same meeting in Brooklyn.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM *** UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-102)

DATE: 6/24/59

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-34108)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
FUNDS (RESERVE FUNDS)
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IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE BUREAU HAS PREVIOUSLY ADVISED THAT COPIES OF REPORTS ON THE RESERVE FUNDS HAVE NOT BEEN DISSEMINATED DUE TO THE EXTREMELY SENSITIVE NATURE OF THE INFORMATION REPORTED AND OF THE SOURCES INVOLVED.

Re Chicago let June 18, 1959.

CG 5824-S* on June 22, 1959, orally furnished to SA JOHN E. KEATING the information on the following pages. CG 5824-S* had received this information in the meeting between PHIL BART, MORRIS CHILDS and ISADORE WOFYSY described in referenced Chicago letter. This additional information was reduced to writing on June 23, 1959.

- 2 - Bureau (RM)
- 2 - Newark (RM)
 - 1 - 100- (CP, USA, Funds (Reserve Funds))
 - 1 - 100-19491 (PAT TOOHEY)
- 2 - New York (RM)
 - 1 - 100-128861 (CP, USA, Funds (Reserve Funds))
 - 1 - 100-56579 (PHIL BART)
 - 1 - 100-76571 (BOB COE)
 - 1 - 100- (FRANK COE)
 - 1 - 100- (JOE FELSHIN (ph))
 - 1 - 100-49430 (PAT TOOHEY)
 - 1 - 100-19679 (ISADORE WOFYSY)
- 3 - Chicago
 - 1 - A)134-46
 - 1 - 100-3470 (MORRIS CHILDS)

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June 22, 1959

It has been learned that on Thursday, June 11, 1959, there was a meeting in New York City in regard to business interests of the Communist Party (CP), USA. The participants in this meeting were PHIL BART, MORRIS CHILDS and ISADORE WOFSEY. In addition to the businesses previously described, the following was also discussed at this meeting:

An Organization formed for Purposes
of Trade with China

WOFSEY and BART stated that there is in existence an organization which was formed for the purpose of trade with China. The name of this organization was not mentioned. Presently this organization is ostensibly handling only literature but it is hoped that in the future it will handle other things. The organization also hopes to be in on the ground floor in regard to trade between the United States and China if and when China is recognized by the United States.

BART said that the organizer of this company is BOB COE. COE's brother, FRANK, is presently in Peking, China. Also involved in the organization is JOE FELSHIN (phonetic) of New Century Publishers.

BART said that he had just found out from BOB COE that PAT TOOHEY is a stockholder in the organization. BART said that he is afraid that if this fact became known it would identify the CP, USA, with this organization. BART said that he had asked BOB COE why he had included TOOHEY in the organization and cautioned him not to mention the fact that TOOHEY is involved. BART stated that he felt that COE could explain that he, COE, is not too involved with the CP and could justify his participation in the organization because he is a wealthy man and this is just another business venture. Yet how could he justify participation by TOOHEY in the organization. BART commented that he is in favor of quietly dropping TOOHEY from the

organization. Meanwhile BART is in contact with BOB COE in regard to this organization. BART hopes that the organization will make some money so that the CP, USA, may get some of the profits from COE.

DATE: 6/24/59

AIRTEL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-83)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-33732)

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SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
DOMESTIC ADMINISTRATION ISSUES
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CG 5824-S* on 6/19/59 made available to SA JOHN E. KEATING for photostating a one-page mimeographed letter dated 6/17/59, addressed "To All Districts, Dear Comrades" and signed "Comradely yours, PHIL BART".

The following is the complete text of this letter, the Chicago copies of which are located in Chicago file 100-33732-1A45.

"In developing activities around peace and banning the H-bombs, the New York District is planning a month of activities during July culminating on Hiroshima Day, August 6th. We will send you in the next few days their plan which you may adapt or use in part for your own needs, although we are sure that you will work out your own activities in light of what is being done in your district.

- 3 - Bureau (AM) (RM)
- 4 - New York (AM) (RM)
 - 1 - 100-89691 (CP, USA, Domestic Administration Issues)
 - 1 - 97-169 (Publishers New Press)
 - 1 - 100-128823 (CP, USA, New York District, Domestic Administration Issues)
- ① - 100-56579 (PHIL BART)
- 3 - Chicago
 - 1 - A)134-46
 - 1 - 100-32207 (Cinal)

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"They will culminate their plan with a 4-page Worker flyer dealing with peace, banning of ~~the~~ H-bomb and Hiroshima. This issue of the Worker will be of value nationally and can be distributed during the first part of August. It will be printed during the week of July 25th and will be a Hiroshima-Ban-the-H-Bomb issue. Orders can be sent directly to The Worker, 23 West 26th St., New York 10, N.Y. The price is \$7.50 per thousand.

"The West Coast, we are sure, will have their own material and we are sending this for your information."

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-9365)

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WILLIAM Z. FOSTER
IS-C; SA-40; ISA-50

SOURCE: NY 1606-S*
DATE OF ACTIVITY: 6/5/59
RELIABILITY: who has furnished reliable
information in the past.

If the following information is used in a report or otherwise disseminated, it must be paraphrased to protect the informant.

On 6/5/59, RUTH (SHULMAN) told JACK (SHULMAN) that PHIL (PH) (BART) told her to get in touch with "that guy" the first week in December instead of Thanksgiving week. RUTH said that is definite. JACK asked why there was a change and RUTH replied some people thought it "sectarian".

Later the same date, JACK again spoke to RUTH and said he was not going down "and tie up that place for that date," and he spoke to ARNOLD (JOHNSON) who was surprised at it and said they had not decided anything definite. SHULMAN said he thinks it will have a bad effect on NY's representation or participation, and that New York State should do something about it before it is too late. RUTH replied "we" will try but "we" do not have that much strength. JACK stated they have got to have enough strength because it is important.

1-New York (100-111666) (JACK SHULMAN) (415)
1-New York (100-67234) (RUTH SHULMAN) (425)
1-New York (100-30641) (CP, USA Organization) (415)
1-New York (100-128814) (CP, USA Organization, NY Dist.) (416)
1-New York (100-16021) (ARNOLD JOHNSON) (415)
1-New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
1-New York (100-9365)

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, BALTIMORE [redacted] b7D DATE: 6/24/59
FROM : SA ROBERT C. NORTON
SUBJECT: INFORMATION FURNISHED BY SECURITY INFORMANT

The documentation for this information is as follows:

Identity of Source	Date of Activity And/or Description of Information	Date Furn.	Agent	Location
[redacted] (who has furnished reliable information in the past)		6/9/59	ROBERT C. NORTON (Written)	[redacted]

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CARE SHOULD BE USED IN REPORTING THIS INFORMATION IN ORDER THAT THE IDENTITY OF THE INFORMANT MAY BE FULLY PROTECTED

The text of the informant's statement is as follows:
cc's:

1 - Washington Field (Registered Mail)
ORGANIZATION, MARYLAND - D. C.

⑦ - New York (Registered Mail)

[redacted]
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ORGANIZATION, CP, USA
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" Baltimore, Maryland
June 9, 1959

On [redacted] for [redacted] - D. C. CP [redacted] and a CP National Executive Committee (NEC) member, telephoned the home of [redacted] at about 7:30 PM. [redacted] to have her husband come to [redacted]

[redacted] then picked up the telephone, and asked what was wrong. [redacted] said that he wanted to talk to [redacted] that evening.

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[redacted] went over to [redacted] at about 8:10 PM.

[redacted] asked if [redacted] had seen either [redacted] CP Club members, since they had returned from the CP [redacted] held in New York City, May 30-31, 1959.

[redacted] then said that [redacted] had dropped by [redacted] Monday. [redacted] what [redacted] had reported regarding the CP [redacted]

[redacted] then suggested that [redacted] should report directly to the [redacted] regarding the youth conference.

[redacted] said he thought that was a good idea. He then asked [redacted] to accompany him to the Main Post Office since he wanted to pick up some envelopes and also check the Party's mail boxes.

En route to the Post Office, [redacted] to talk to [redacted] the next time he went to New York City, and tell [redacted] had not as yet visited [redacted] as had been planned by [redacted] said that he had not gone because he had expected [redacted] to send both himself and [redacted] a letter, and he did not want to see [redacted] without written identification. [redacted] said he would see [redacted]

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[redacted] stated he had drawn up a letter which he planned to have mimeographed and sent to persons interested in the trade union movement, pointing out the expected effects of the new Federal labor bill. [redacted] commented that the ruling class in the United States was not only trying to eliminate the CP and the trade union movement but was also trying to set up company unions such as had existed before the formation of the CIO.

[redacted] said that in this letter he planned to ask for comments. He said he had shown the letter to both [redacted] members, and they had both approved the letter. [redacted] then asked if [redacted] also approved.

[redacted] asked if [redacted] had a copy with him. [redacted] said no, and that he had taken the letter to a printing place on Baltimore Street and had told the man that it was a political letter, and the man had asked for some time to consider whether he should accept the job.

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[redacted] if he would send out the letter after it was printed to such organizations as the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and the Urban League and to [redacted] in Baltimore such as [redacted] of the NAACP and [redacted]

After arrival at the Post Office, [redacted] went in and returned in about 15 minutes, bringing with him two large brown envelopes.

[redacted] who was obviously angry, said that he did not know what was wrong with CP national headquarters, and that they had sent CP material to the Freedom of the Press Committee mail box instead of the Party mail box.

[redacted] said that when he attended the next NEC meeting, he was going to have a "few things to say." He then added that they did not have that much to do in New York.

✓ [redacted] then stated that since PHIL BART had taken over the CP Secretary's job in New York, he had been apparently trying to eliminate certain areas from attendance at NEC meetings, and that BART would probably in the future try

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[redacted] to do the same for National Committee meetings. [redacted] said he was sure of this because BART had called the next NEC meeting to take place on weekdays, which would make it impossible for any but paid functionaries to attend.

[redacted] then commented that the majority of CP paid functionaries out of New York and even to some extent in New York had in the past followed the JOHN GATES line.

[redacted] then suggested that [redacted] and raise the question with him. [redacted] said that he thought that sort of situation should be examined; and, if it was true that BART was trying to eliminate certain areas, it would appear that BART was trying to destroy the Party.

[redacted] then said that he planned to bring the matter up when he went to New York.

After driving away from the Post Office, [redacted] said that he was also angry about a [redacted] CP Club meeting, which took place the previous Monday night. He said that [redacted]

[redacted] and [redacted] CP Club members who had paid their CP dues through May, were present as was [redacted] said upon arrival he was prepared to answer questions and settle problems, but instead he sat from 8:30 PM to 10:00 PM waiting for an agenda to be drawn up. He said the only thing that was discussed was whether they should serve tea or coffee.

[redacted] then said that the [redacted] Club was not organized, and that [redacted] as well as [redacted] had nothing to say. He said he could see why [redacted] did not want to continue in that job. [redacted] said the people in the club were still paying dues but did not want to accept any responsibility.

[redacted] asked [redacted] to pick up [redacted] who was to be the main

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[redacted] to be held June 5, 1959, in Baltimore, take her to dinner, bring her to the forum and arrange for a place for her to sleep. [redacted] said that [redacted] became angry and indicated she would not accept the full responsibility since she was working eight hours a day.

[redacted] asked if anything had been achieved at the [redacted] meeting, and [redacted] replied, [redacted]

[redacted] then said that the Northwest Baltimore Club planned to hold another meeting three weeks after the last meeting, [redacted] was to lead a discussion on peace. [redacted] was only staying in the club through his urging, and that she felt such discussions were useless.

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[redacted] said that the reason people in the Northwest Club had been behind in their dues was because [redacted]
[redacted]

[redacted] said he planned to attend the next Northwest Club meeting and at that time would find out whether the club members really intended to do some work. He said he planned to ask them to contribute money towards the Party.

[redacted] off at the [redacted]

This memo has been compared with the informant's original statement and it is accurate in substance.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641)(415)

SUBJECT: CP, USA, ORGANIZATION
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DATE: 6/25/59

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Identity of source	[redacted] who has furnished reliable info in past (conceal)
Description of info	Proceedings of [redacted] meeting of CP, USA, NEC
Date received	6/12/59
Received by	SASJOHN A. HAAG, NYO and VINCENT E. MURPHY, Newark (oral)
Original location	[redacted]

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Utmost care must be used in handling and reporting the following info in order to protect the identity of informant.

Information received from informant, as set forth above, was reduced to writing by SA HAAG on 6/15/59, and authenticated by informant on 6/17/59.

A copy of informant's report follows:

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A meeting of the Communist Party, U.S.A., National Executive Committee (N.E.C.) was held at CPUSA headquarters, 23 W. 26 St., NYC, on [redacted] Those present were:

EUGENE DENNIS
HY LUMER
IRVING POTASH
JAMES JACKSON
MICKEY LIMA
ANTON KRCHMAREK

PHIL BART
PAT TOOHEY
WILLIAM ALBERTSON
MORRIS CHILDS
ARNOLD JOHNSON
WILLIAM PATTERSON (present [redacted])

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CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT
GUS HALL
ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN
GEORGE MEYERS (present [redacted])
BERT NELSON
BEN DAVIS
CARL WINTER

[redacted] (present [redacted] only)

The purpose of this meeting was to hear the reports of committees set up to prepare for the forthcoming CP national convention. These committees which included the Committee on the CP Constitution, Committee on the Negro Resolution, Committee on the Report of the Activities of the N.E.C. and a committee to draft the main political resolution, were to come to this meeting with a draft report on their particular subject for discussion by the N.E.C.

None of these committees had any prepared reports, none had any printed material which could be passed out to those present for analysis and comment. All committee heads had oral reports making a critical analysis difficult. This deprived the meeting of its purpose, i.e., to polish up the reports of the committees and it induced a meandering, generalized treatment of questions which boiled down to just a lot of talk.

The meeting consisted of two days of listening to vague oral reports, disjointed speeches without conclusions. All

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the meeting could do was direct the committees to continue working and prepare draft reports for the July National Committee (N.C.) meeting.

At the opening of the [redacted] session of the N.E.C. meeting it was decided to spend one hour reviewing the recent U.S. Supreme Court decisions (the decisions concerning BARENBLATT and UPHAUS and the upholding of the US House Committee on Un-American Activities). b7D

ARNOLD JOHNSON gave a thumbnail review of these decisions and declared that they are a backtracking of the Supreme Court with regard to Civil Liberties Legislation. He said that these decisions reflect the pressures on the Court which were launched by the American Bar Association. They are a negation of the causes of civil liberties and reflect the success of the conservative and reactionary movement to revert to the practice of "McCarthyism."

JOHNSON concluded that it is necessary to develop a counterattack on the McCarthy forces in the country.

Speeches by PATTERSON, DENNIS, STACHEL and DAVIS followed the same pattern as JOHNSON's, however, no motion was made and no action taken except to have prepared and to issue a statement on the matter.

This was followed by a report by PHIL BART on the CPUSA Constitution. As his report was given members complained that there was no document for them to follow. BART's report was oral and he jumped from one section of the 1948 Constitution to one section of the 1957 Constitution causing considerable confusion.

BART stated that much of the present (1957) constitution must be changed since it reflects the thinking of the revisionists BART said however that everything in it should not be changed because everything done by the 1957 Convention was not wrong. He said we must proceed carefully and change only the absolutely essential points, retaining for a time things that are not correct but are not important and can be changed later.

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According to BART, the important points to be changed are:

1. The right to dissent
2. The method of electing the national committee
3. Proletarian internationalism.

With regard to the election of the national committee, BART proposed that the entire national committee be elected by the convention instead of one-third by the convention and two-thirds by the districts.

On Proletarian Internationalism BART proposed that the paragraph at bottom of page 4 and top of page 5 of 1957 Constitution, i.e., (in part) "It (CPUSA) recognizes that this common bond (identity of interest) is strengthened when working class movements operate in an atmosphere of independence and equality and exercise the right of fraternal and constructive criticism...", be deleted.

As to the right to dissent - while it should not be eliminated, stress should be placed on the fact that the decision of the majority rules.

As the discussion on the constitutional changes began it was clear that there was no basic disagreement on the approach, i.e., no wholesale wrecking of the constitution - retaining much of it but singling out the most disagreeable items for deletion.

The reaction by many, including WINTER, LIGHTFOOT and KRCHMAREK was one of caution - that everything in the present constitution need not be changed. Just because some people do not like an item does not mean it should be deleted. The present constitution contains sections put there by a large group of members who are tired of mismanagement and bureaucracy in the CP and who want guarantees against this. This sentiment still exists.

WINTER called for great care in changing the constitution. He agreed that certain points should be amended but it would be wrong to chop it up because of singular objections. These certain

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points are in the present constitution as the result of Party experience and if you arbitrarily chop them out you run the risk of alienating many members and create the misconception among people outside the CP that the Party is returning to the sectarian and authoritarian way of doing things.

WINTER stated that some things found to be unworkable should be deleted but we must honestly tell the membership that these things do not work. The members must understand.

He said that for example the method of electing the NC should be changed. In 1957 two-thirds of the NC members were elected by the districts. This took until May 1957 leaving the CP without a fully constituted leadership for four months. Members, he said, will understand this need for a change.

WINTER cautioned against just chopping say 25 sections from the constitution because one person or another found them objectionable. He said that there are things in the constitution that are wrong but they remain since they have no effect on the workability of the document.

The speeches of LIGHTFOOT, HALL, KRCHMAREK, TOOHEY and others followed the same vein. The Party should not ignore the reasons certain sections are in the constitution; there should be no authoritarian point of view toward the constitution, the changes should be made to improve the workability of the constitution.

Almost everyone present spoke for about 15 minutes on this question. The result was the adoption of a motion that the Committee on the Constitution continue its work and prepare a draft of the changes for presentation to the July 1959 meeting of the N.C.

There followed a report by HY LUMER on the state of the national economy.

This was a carefully prepared report given orally. It was a survey of the rate of production in the nation, the gross

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national output and other statistics. It contained an array of statistics on basic industry such as auto, steel, chemical, agricultural, foreign trade as well as on employment and related economic subjects.

From his report LUMER concluded:

1. The economy has emerged substantially from its recession and while there are pockets of decline, especially in unemployment, there is an increase in the number of distress areas. Despite this one cannot foresee nor can the Party base itself on the perspective that the American economy will deteriorate to an economic crisis. If anything it has improved.

2. There are internal economic problems. There will appear an increase in the ratio of unemployment and an increase in the permanently unemployed due to automation, consolidation of industries and the displacement of elder employees. The troubles of this country will increase due to the decline in foreign trade. The European markets are now competing with U.S. and the Latin American countries are so fraught with revolution and political unrest they have become a declining market.

This inability to dispose of products of industry and agriculture foretokens the development of a surplus and thence unemployment. There will be economic troubles but not a crisis. There will be increased unemployment, reduction of living standards through lower wages and a cheapening of money due to inflation.

At the end of LUMER's report, HALL arose to speak. (Thus far in the meeting HALL had been very critical of all the reports presented.)

HALL stated he did not look upon this report as a serious and profound examination of the economic problems facing the Party. He called it a bookkeeper's report. He said that this was not a report that examined the fundamental problems of the American economy from which one could derive a

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conclusion of the Marxist sense upon which the CP could base its program. He implied that LUMER's report indicates a lack of knowledge of the real problems of the nation and indicates that they are not understood and a conclusion cannot be drawn. It does not tell the Party "how to go."

The discussion following this report resulted in nothing noteworthy. People just sounded off on what they knew about the economic situation.

At this point a subcommittee consisting of DAVIS, DENNIS, LIGHTFOOT and LIMA was set up to report on the time and place of the forthcoming convention.

At this point the [redacted] session ended.

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The [redacted] session of the NEC meeting opened with a report by JAMES JACKSON on the Negro question.

It was obvious from JACKSON's report that the committee set up to polish up a statement previously submitted by him on this question had not functioned. He furnished the meeting with no written document thus confining the discussion to general statements.

JACKSON called attention to the fact that there was considerable objection to the abandonment of the theory of self-determination of the Negro, and objection to the change in CP thought that the Negro is not now a national minority having the character of a nation within a nation.

JACKSON stated that these objections are wrong and the Party must explain to the objectors that they are basing themselves on an incorrect assumption. (He discounted the fact that the objectors are large in number including nearly all Negroes in CP as well as many hard core old time CP members.) JACKSON stated that the Negro is an American and is to be integrated. The Negro does not have his own culture or background to warrant his being a member of a nation within a nation.

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JACKSON said that the self-determination concept is wrong and it has not been properly explained.

The discussion which followed did not show any objection to JACKSON's premise but dealt with how to present this to the members. How to show that it is wrong and why it should be changed.

[redacted] in favor of JACKSON's views. From his speech it appears that he is JACKSON's assistant and does much traveling in the Southern states.

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The big problem here was how to go about changing the views of the objectors and not make it look like the leadership is forcing it on them.

It was adopted that the JACKSON report be accepted, and that his committee on the Negro question continue functioning and prepare a report for the [redacted] N.C. meeting.

LUMER then read a report of the committee which is reporting on the activities of the NEC since the last convention.

LUMER announced he had broken down the report into five sections:

1. Political and economic events that have occurred in this country since the last convention.
2. How the CP responded to each of these. Political activity of CP and campaigns developed since last convention.
3. Problems of the CP; the struggle against the enemy, i.e. factionalism. The story of the whole fight.
4. Current problems of consolidating and rebuilding the CP.
5. Advancing of a program of work for the CP regarding issues of the day and . type of movements required at the present time, i.e. peace, Negro question, youth questions, etc.

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LUMER had little to say about the accomplishments of the N.E.C. since very little has been done in the last two years.

HALL asked if this report was necessary at all. He said that this report will hurt the CP since it wages the old factional battle all over again. He said that a report uniting the Party is needed.

ELIZABETH FLYNN stated she was not in favor of fighting the old war all over again which was precisely what this report was doing. She said this report will become the center of debate and argument at the next convention.

WINTER opposed the report in its entirety stating that a self-critical not a self-satisfying report is needed.

LIGHTFOOT agreed.

DENNIS then spoke in defense of the report. He said there is a misconception here in that this is not the full report. What was intended here was a review of the events in the nation since the last convention and how the CP responded to them.

He was asked from the floor "what then is this report before us? It is not needed and will cause much turmoil at the convention."

DENNIS stated that this report did not have many things in it which would balance it because these things would be in the main political resolution.

He was again asked from the floor "All the more reason - Why this report? Why not concentrate on one good report for the convention delegates."

DENNIS would not agree.

All the speakers who followed stated that DENNIS must take full responsibility for the row this report will cause if he presents it before the convention.

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It appears that on this point DENNIS saw a challenge to his leadership by GUS HALL hence he had to defend his idea and position.

The feeling present was to merge LUMER's report (the good points of it) with the main political resolution - one full report.

DENNIS suffered a political set back.

GUS HALL on 3 occasions during the meeting challenged DENNIS. He appears to be acting as a bridge between the "uneasy" members of the N.E.C. WINTER, LIGHTFOOT, HEALEY and others and the present leadership group to bring unity on the N.E.C.

As the debate continued this source left the meeting.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, ALBANY (100-1262) DATE: 6/25/59
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-26603)
SUBJECT: CP, USA
NEW YORK DISTRICT
NEW YORK DIVISION
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On 6/5-6/59, NY 2617-S*, who was in a position to furnish reliable information, furnished information which reflected that a meeting of the New York State CP Committee was held in Room 11C, Adelphi Hall, 74 Fifth Avenue, New York City, commencing at 8:07 p.m. on 6/5/59 and 10:45 a.m. on 6/6/59.

- 4 - Albany (100-1262) (RM)
 - (1 - [redacted])
 - (1 - 100-11789) (ROY WATT)
- 1 - Buffalo (100-10454) (MORTIMER SCHEER) (RM)
- 1 - New York (100-129629) (WILLIAM ALBERTSON) (416)
- ① - New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-25623) (ERIC BERT) (415)
- 1 - New York [redacted] (416)
- 1 - New York (100-93651) (IRVINE COHN) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-60640) (HAROLD COLLINS) (416)
- 1 - New York (100-106126) (MIKE CRENOVICH) (424)
- 1 - New York (100-56) (MICHAEL DAVIDOW) (416)
- 1 - New York (100-23825) (BEN DAVIS, JR.) (416)
- 1 - New York (100-79025) (MILDRED EDELMAN) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-67348) (ANNE FRIEDLANDER) (422)
- 1 - New York (100-93665) (MIMI FRIEDLANDER) (421)
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1 - New York	[REDACTED]	
1 - New York	[REDACTED]	
1 - New York	(100-)	(Unsub. White Male; sport shirt and slacks, thin straight hair, long nose, full face, 5' 8", 175, paunchy build, 45-50 years old, observed during NYS CP Committee meeting, 6/6/59.)

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A physical surveillance of Room 11C, Adelphi Hall, was conducted by SAS [redacted] and WILLIAM C. MARTIN on 6/5/59, and by SAS JOHN F. LANGTRY and ROBERT S. MUGAVIN on 6/6/59.

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The following individuals were observed entering Room 11C, unless otherwise stated, during these surveillances:

<u>Subject</u>	<u>6/5/59</u>	<u>6/6/59</u>
WILLIAM ALBERTSON	7:35 p.m.	10:30 a.m.
PHIL BART		10:23 a.m.
ERIC BERT	Observed leaving Room 11C, approximately 9:20 p.m. during a break	10:22 a.m.
[redacted]	Observed leaving Room 11C approximately 9:20 p.m. during a break	
IRVINE COHN		10:45 a.m.
HAROLD COLLINS	8:18 p.m.	
MICHAEL CRENOVICH	8:30 p.m.	Observed entering 74 5th Ave. during period from 12:40 to 1:50 p.m.

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<u>Subject</u>	<u>6/5/59</u>	<u>6/6/59</u>
MIKE DAVIDOW		Observed leaving and returning to 74 5th Ave. during period from 12:40 p.m. to 1:50 p.m.
BEN DAVIS	8:10 p.m.	10:58 a.m.
MILDRED EDELMAN	8:30 p.m.	Observed enter- ing 74 5th Ave. during period from 12:40 p.m. to 1:50 p.m.
ANNE FRIEDLANDER	7:54 p.m.	11:07 a.m.
MIMI FRIEDLANDER	8:12 p.m.	12:22 p.m.
RHODA GADSON	8:00 p.m.	10:36 a.m.
BETTY GANNETT	7:30 p.m.	10:16 a.m.
SI GERSON	9:10 p.m.	
JUNE GORDON	7:52 p.m.	10:41 a.m.
ARNOLD JOHNSON	8:31 p.m.	
ALLAN LAWS	8:45 p.m.	
PEARL LAWS (1)		11:04 a.m.

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<u>Subject</u>	<u>6/5/59</u>	<u>6/6/59</u>
LEONARD LEVENSON	7:54 p.m.	11:18 a.m.
CLARA LICHT	8:35 p.m.	10:45 a.m.
HY LUMER		11:53 a.m.
SOPHIE NASCIMENTO (2)	7:55 p.m.	Observed entering 74 5th Ave. during period from 12:40 p.m. to 1:50 p.m.
SAM NESIN	7:54 p.m.	10:58 a.m.
WILLIAM PATTERSON (3)	Observed leaving Room 11C approximately 11:13 p.m.	10:27 a.m.
	8:02 p.m.	11:06 a.m.
IDA POSNER	8:23 p.m.	10:39 a.m.
IRVING POTASH		10:41 a.m.
CONSTANTINE RADZIE	7:52 p.m.	10:10 a.m.
RUTH ROBERTS	7:55 p.m.	10:23 a.m.
PAUL ROBESON, Jr.	8:15 p.m.	
MILTON ROSEN	8:02 p.m.	10:10 a.m.
DANNY RUBEL	7:55 p.m.	3:42 p.m.

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<u>Subject</u>	<u>6/5/59</u>	<u>6/6/59</u>
MORRIS SCHAPPES	7:55 p.m.	
MORTIMER SCHEER	8:02 p.m.	10:10 a.m.
PAUL SCHWARTZ	8:18 p.m.	12:09 a.m.
JACK SHULMAN	7:55 p.m.	10:23 a.m.
ANTONIO SIRACUSA		10:23 a.m.
[REDACTED] (4)	8:20 p.m.	10:36 a.m.
HY WALLACH :	7:45 p.m.	Observed leaving and returning to 74 5th Ave. during period from 12:40 p.m. to 1:50 p.m.
An individual believed to be [REDACTED]	7:35 p.m.	
LOUIS WEINSTOCK	7:50 p.m.	10:32 a.m.
[REDACTED]	8:26 p.m.	11:30 a.m. 10:39 a.m.

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Unsub, white male,
60, 150 pounds,
grey hair, bald
on top, moustache

7:35 p.m.

Observed
leaving and
returning to
74 5th Ave.
with WILLIAM
PATTERSON
during period
from 12:40 p.m.
to 1:50 p.m.

(A photograph of this individual was
obtained on 6/6/59, and identified by
SA [REDACTED] on 6/11/59,
as identical with HUGO GELLERT).

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Unsub, white male,
sport shirt and
slacks, thin
straight hair,
long nose,
full face, about
5' 8", 175 pounds,
paunchy build,
about 45 - 50
years old (5)

10:05 a.m.

(1) PEARL LAWS was observed leaving
Room 11C at 3:55 p.m.

(2) SOPHIE NASCIMENTO was observed leaving
Room 11C at 3:04 p.m.

(3) WILLIAM PATTERSON was observed by
SA WILLIAM C. MARTIN.

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(4) [redacted] was observed leaving
Room 11C at 4:30 p.m.

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(5) This unsub, white male was observed leaving 74 5th Avenue at approximately 12:40 p.m. with CONSTANTINE RADZIE and LOUIS WEINSTOCK. Unsub was not observed reentering 74 5th Avenue.

Photographs of HUGO GELLERT and the second unsub, white male, obtained on 6/6/59, are being attached to the copies of this letter designated for those individuals' case files and also to the Albany copy of this letter.

Albany is requested to interview [redacted] for any information the informant may have concerning the identity of the unsub.

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Surveillance logs are located in 100-26603 Sub G.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, BUFFALO (100-11933)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-118174)

SUBJECT: MILTON ROSEN
IS-C, ISA-50
(OO: Buffalo)

DATE: 6/25/59

Source: NY 1694-S*

Reliability: Who has furnished reliable information in the past.

Date of Activity: 6/5/59

If the following information is used in a report of otherwise disseminated, it must be paraphrased to protect the informant.

The informant advised that RUTH and JACK (SHULMAN) engaged in a conversation with LENNY (LEVINSON) on 6/5/59. The informant indicated that RUTH was critical of BEN (DAVIS) for something he had proposed. She said it made EVELYN (WIENER) appear "as if she were a monster," that she (EVELYN) was the only one "fighting this thing." RUTH also commented that the staff (ph) voted to recommend a postponement (ph).

2 - Buffalo (100-11933) (RM)

1 - New York (100-67234) (RUTH SHULMAN) (425)

1 - New York (100-10113) (LEONARD LEVINSON) (414)

1 - New York (100-54555) (EVELYN WIENER) (424)

1 - New York [REDACTED] (415) b6
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1 - New York (100-16785) (JAMES JACKSON) (415)

1 - New York (100-8057) (EUGENE DENNIS) (415)

① - New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)

1 - New York (100-80641) (CP USA ORGANIZATION) (415)

1 - New York (100-87211) (CP USA FACTIONALISM) (415)

1 - New York (100-23825) (BENJAMIN J. DAVIS JR.) (416)

1 - New York (100-15946) (JAMES TORMEY)

1 - New York (100-13483) (BETTY GANNETT) (415)

1 - New York (100-129629) (WILLIAM ALBERTSON) (416)

1 - New York (100-118174)

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The informant was unable to furnish information as to what issue RUTH referred to.

RUTH continued stating "...it's going to go through ..." and that she would raise her voice (against it). LENNY mentioned a LENNIE (ph) (or) JENNIE (ph) getting a job working for JIM JACKSON. JACK's comment was not audible, but RUTH stated there is somebody "we" know, who is working in the National Office "we" worked with in the South, and would never have recommended him (possibly [redacted]). JACK said he would not recommend "him" for a [redacted] and that "he" is still with the NEC. RUTH replied "It's who you know in this Party" to which JACK agreed.

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RUTH made some comment about DENNIS (EUGENE) which was not clear. JACK stated "He's cutting his own throat. He's setting up a machine for somebody else." RUTH remarked she "told him BEN (DAVIS) may be building a machine right here around you that may be in opposition."

The conversation became garbled, but LENNY made some comment about the "kid from Buffalo" doing it. JACK replied "No! MILT (ROSEN) is a good guy." RUTH's comment was not clear but LENNY said MILT is with the "Center" (CP, USA National Office). RUTH related that MILT (ph) is still with the "Center" and "runs up stairs" to see GENE DENNIS 3 or 4 times a day, "that's where he gets his leadership from." JACK replied that PHIL BART comes down stairs and tells "him" what to do. RUTH added that "he" (ROSEN) has said in jest, that when DENNIS is not around, "I guess I will have to go somewhere else for my leadership."

JACK then referred to an article he was reading in a Russian magazine, on the question of history on the "Struggle Against Revisionism", in the United States, adding, "You should hear what they said about DENNIS." The informant was unable to provide a clear account of the following conversation about DENNIS, between JACK, RUTH, and LENNY, but indicated they were critical of him for his activity in the Party.

The conversation then turned to the subject of RUTH taking some job and those who were opposed to her taking it.

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LENNY next asked, "How did this crazy mixed up kid, JIM TOMEY (possibly TORMEY) get appointed." Their following comments were not intelligible.

The conversation then turned to PHIL BART, with JACK asking what kind of line he had, adding that he sat around for 2 years and did nothing. There also was some conversation concerning BETTY (probably GANNETT), and her threat to go outside the Party if the Party did not find a role for her. JACK said "she" blamed FOSTER (WILLIAM?) and RUTH mentioned her not being in National leadership. JACK replied that she would "get there" as long as "she plays ball with DENNIS. After ALBERSON (WILLIAM), he comes first, with priority and seniority he comes first, then comes BETTY. Then will come JIM TOMES (ph) (possibly TORMEY), that's the hierarchy of the ___ now."

JACK brought up the question of fighting (apparently what is happening to the Party). RUTH said she was not going to organize an opposition, but was going to organize the best she could "the regular...". JACK asked how she could organize in the regular way, when "they" do not do things in the regular way. He asked, as an example, what kind of democratic procedure was followed in making PHIL BART, National Org. (ph) Secretary.

JACK later mentioned Academy Hall and someone who was unable to find it, and wondered what the name was "it" was registered under. LENNY asked if it usually was not "Progressive Labor Forum" (ph), and JACK said there are about 3 organizations that use that same name on the same plate. JACK also commented he does not see much hope for "refreshing leadership" only "revising the old one."

They then discussed a meeting and ridiculed BEN's bureaucratic report at the State Committee.

A fisur on 6/5/59 revealed that JACK SHULMAN drove RUTH SHULMAN and LENNY LEVINSON from the vicinity of 23 W. 26th Street (CP Headquarters) in Manhattan to 27th Street and 3rd Ave., where they parked the car and entered the Maison de la Paix restaurant at 128 Lexington Ave. They later re-entered the car and drove to 5th Ave and 14th Street, where RUTH SHULMAN and LEVINSON departed from the car driven by JACK SHULMAN.

The log covering this fisur is filed in NY file 100-9365 - Sub A.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100-56579) (422)

FROM: SA [Redacted]

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DATE: 6/26/59

SUBJECT: PHIL BART
SM - C

The above captioned subject was observed entering and/or leaving 23 West 26th St., New York, New York.

NY 1726-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on 4/21/57 that effective 4/15/57 the National and New York State offices of the Communist Party would occupy the premises at 23 West 26th Street, New York, New York.

NY 694-S* on 6/5/58 advised that the editorial staff of "The Worker" was to be moved into the building at 23 West 26th Street on 6/7,8/58.

NY 2002-S* on 6/20/58 verified the occupancy of the basement and first floor areas of building by the office staff of "The Worker", an East Coast weekly Communist newspaper.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OBSERVED BY SAS</u>
6/4 /59	WILLIAM J. BARRON
6/5 /59	WILLIAM J. BARRON
6/8 /59	[Redacted]
6/ 9/59	WILLIAM J. BARRON
6/10/59	WILLIAM J. BARRON

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TO: SAC, CHICAGO

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-56579)

SUBJECT: PHILIP BART
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NY 1750-S* furnished information on 6/23 and 24/59 that the subject and his wife CONNIE had discussed a two week vacation and "business" trip they are to start on the July 4th weekend. Source advised that subject said he had heard from MORRIS (CHILDS) who "is waiting for them". PHIL said while there (Chicago) they "will visit people, spending a day with the KLINGS (JACK), one with the CHILDS and CLAUDE (LIGHTFOOT) sent instructions on how to get to his place".

BART also mentioned he is going to Milwaukee, one day. To which CONNIE replied she would like to go with him. The BARTS discussed leaving on Friday or Saturday (July 3 and 4) and making the trip in a day.

Source also furnished information on 6/23/59 that CONNIE BART had made tentative reservations for Sunday July 12th at the "Le Robinson Inn" (ph) in Paterson, NY for the second week of their vacation.

The NYO anticipates the installation of extended coverage of a highly Confidential Source in the BARTS'

- 5- Chicago (RM)
 - (1- 100- JACK KLING)
 - (1- 100- MORRIS CHILDS)
 - (1- 100- CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT)
- 2- Milwaukee (RM)
- 1- New York (100-12959) (CONNIE BART)
- 1- New York (100-56579) (415)

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residence while they are on vacation. This work is tentatively scheduled for July 7 and 8, 1959. In view of this the subjects whereabouts during this period should be definitely established.

Chicago is requested to attempt to ascertain from CG 5824-S* the subject's travel plans during his vacation. It is also requested that BART's whereabouts be definitely established on the above dates.

The BARTS own a 1957 Plymouth sedan, two-tone blue and tan with NY license IL-1228 registered CONSTANCE BART.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100-56579) (422)

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TO : SAC, INDIANAPOLIS

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (100-2644)

PHILIP BART
IS-C

Re New York airtel to Chicago, dated 6/26/59.

The New York Office (NYO) by referenced airtel advised that NY 1750-S* furnished information on 6/23 and 24/59 that PHILIP BART and his wife CONNIE had discussed a 2-week vacation and business trip they are to start on the July 4th weekend. This source advised that BART said he had heard from MORRIS (CHILDS) who "is waiting for them." BART also said while there (Chicago) they "will visit people, spending a day with the KLINGS (JACK), one with CHILDS and CLAUDE (LIGHTFOOT) sent instructions on how to get to his place." The New York airtel reflected that NY 1750-S* also advised that the BARTS discussed leaving on Friday or Saturday (July 3 and 4) and making the trip in a day.

By referenced airtel, the NYO advised that the NYO anticipated the installation of extended coverage of a highly confidential source in the BARTS' residence while they are on vacation. The NYO advised that this work is tentatively scheduled for July 7 and 8, 1959. The NYO requested that in view of this, the whereabouts of PHIL and CONNIE BART during this period should be definitely established. The NYO further requested that Chicago attempt to ascertain from CG 5824-S* the BARTS' travel plans during their vacation. It also requested that BART's whereabouts be definitely established for July 7 and 8, 1959. The referenced New York

Indianapolis (RM)
1 - New York (100-56579) (RM)
2 - Chicago
(1 - 61-867) (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT)

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airtel also advised that the BARTS own a 1957 Plymouth sedan 2-tone blue and tan with New York license IL-1228 registered CONSTANCE BART.

Copies of referenced airtel were not, of course, forwarded to the Indianapolis Office. However, the above information is being forwarded for the information of the Indianapolis Office inasmuch as CG 5824-S* has advised that CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT begins a month's vacation 7/1, but will attend a meeting of the CP, USA, National Executive Committee (NEC) in New York City (NYC) on the 21st of July and a meeting of the CP, USA, National Committee (NC) on the 25th of July.

For the information of the Indianapolis Office, it is also noted that CG 6165-S on 6/29/59 advised that PATTIS PERRY (member CP, USA, NC) visited with CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT at LIGHTFOOT's farm, Monterey, Ind., the weekend of 6/28/59. In connection with PERRY's presence in Chicago it is to be noted CG 5824-S* advised that PERRY is enroute to New York from Los Angeles and while in New York, will coordinate CP activities in connection with the NAACP convention.

In view of the NYO's intended highly confidential coverage of the BARTS' residence, NYC, on July 7 and 8, and in view of their request that the whereabouts of PHILIP and CONNIE BART be known for those dates, the Indianapolis Office is being alerted to the fact that the possibility exists that CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, being on vacation during July, could spend this vacation, except for the time when he will be in NYC attending the NEG and NC meetings indicated above, at his farm at Monterey, Ind. It is also noted that from the information furnished by NY 1750-S* indicated above to the effect that CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT had sent the BARTS instructions on how to get to his place, the possibility exists that this statement refers to his farm at Monterey, Ind., and that he

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will meet with the BARTS at this farm, possibly on the dates the NYO intends exercising its coverage of the BARTS' residence in NYC.

It is being left to the determination of the NYO as to whether or not they desire the Indianapolis Office to effect coverage of LIGHTFOOT's farm to cover the eventuality of BART's visiting with LIGHTFOOT at the farm on July 7 and 8. The Chicago Office will remain alert through established sources and informants in an effort to determine more specific information as to LIGHTFOOT and/or BART's whereabouts on July 7 and 8, and in the event information is developed either affirming or negating BART's presence at the LIGHTFOOT farm on the pertinent dates, the Indianapolis and New York Offices will be advised.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM *** UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)

DATE: 7/1/59

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-20769)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
NEW YORK DISTRICT
ORGANIZATION
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

EXTREME CARE SHOULD BE USED IN HANDLING AND REPORTING
THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE IDENTITY OF A
HIGHLY PLACED INFORMANT.

CG 5824-S* on June 29, 1959, orally furnished SA JOHN
E. KEATING the information on the following pages. This oral
information was reduced to writing on June 30, 1959.

- 2 - Bureau (RM)
- 12 - New York (RM)
 - 1 - 100-128861 (CP, USA, Funds) (Reserve Funds)
 - 1 - 100-80641 (CP, USA, Organization)
 - 1 - 100-128822 (CP, USA, New York District, Education)
 - 1 - 100-128821 (CP, USA, New York District, Factionalism)
 - 1 - 100-128314 (CP, USA, New York District, Funds) (Reserve Funds)
 - 1 - 100-128814 (CP, USA, New York District, Organization)
 - 1 - 100-129629 (WILLIAM ALBERTSON)
 - 1 - 100-56579 (PHIL BART)
 - 1 - 100-47632 (FRANCES DAMON)
 - 1 - 100-23825 (BEN DAVIS)
 - 1 - 100-13483 (BETTY GANNETT)
 - 1 - 100-118562 (ARTHUR KINOY)
- 2 - Chicago
 - 1 - A)134-46

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On Thursday and Friday, June 25 and 26, 1959, PHIL BART, National Organization Secretary of the Communist Party (CP), USA, was discussing the New York CP District. BART expressed the opinion that the New York District is "going to pot". He stated that he is having trouble with BILL ALBERTSON, and that even ALBERTSON is being terrorized by BEN DAVIS. He said that BETTY GANNETT, Educational Director of the New York District, is dissatisfied. She completed a full-time training school and is now holding some evening classes.

BART complained that the New York District does not invite anyone from the National Office to attend New York District meetings. He stated that an Organization Bureau and an Organization Commission have been established in the National Office, but the New York District does not have an organization secretary or an organization commission. He commented that the New York District has too many functionaries, and they are spread out too much. He also complained that the New York District Office is not open evenings nor on Saturdays.

BART stated that if the National Office of the CP, USA, wants him to retain the position of National Organization Secretary he will demand that he be given some authority at the time of the 17th National Convention. BART said that he would insist that he be placed on the National Committee so that he can talk to BEN DAVIS and BILL ALBERTSON with some authority.

FRANCES DAMON

BART also complained that the New York District has been poaching on the financial preserves of the National Office, and in this connection he mentioned FRANCES DAMON. BART said that he had seen DAMON recently.

According to BART, DAMON stated that she wanted to go to Russia in regard to the setting up of an agency to handle travel from the United States to the Soviet Union. DAMON told BART that in the past she has established contacts with some Russians in the cultural field. She, therefore, felt that she could expedite the establishing of a travel agency in the United States if she made a trip to Russia. BART said that he told DAMON that things do not work on the basis of individual contacts in Russia, and he advised her against making such a trip.

BART stated that DAMON told him it was BILL ALBERTSON who got her to work with the Kinoy group in regard to the establishing of an agency for travel to Russia. BART said that DAMON also told him that she would not invest any funds in such a travel agency and would merely work for the travel agency. BART commented that he did not place too much credence in this statement.

BART also advised that he had learned that some time ago BILL ALBERTSON persuaded DAMON to give him an automobile for his personal use. BART stated that he was citing this as an example of ALBERTSON's personal approach and his failure to conform to established Party procedures.

BART stated that the purpose of his talk with DAMON was to make certain that she would cooperate with the National Office in the future in regard to the financial contributions even though she has no funds to contribute at the present time.

O F F I C E M E M O R A N D U M *** UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)

DATE: 7/1/59

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-20769)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
NEW YORK DISTRICT
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- 2 - Bureau (RM)
- 4 - New York (RM)
 - 1 - 100-128814 (CP, USA, New York District, Organization)
 - 1 - 100-56579 (PHIL BART)
 - 1 - 100-52959 (CHARLES LOMAN)
 - 1 - 100-15946 (JAMES TORMEY)
- 2 - Chicago
 - 1 - A)134-46

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PHIL BART, National Organization Secretary of the Communist Party, USA, stated on June 26, 1959, that JIM TORMEY had replaced CHARLIE LOMAN as the County Organizer in Brooklyn, New York.

O F F I C E M E M O R A N D U M *** UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-33741)
SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
ORGANIZATION
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

DATE: 7/1/59

EXTREME CARE SHOULD BE USED IN HANDLING AND REPORTING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE IDENTITY OF A HIGHLY PLACED INFORMANT.

CG 5824-S* on June 29, 1959, orally furnished SA JOHN E. KEATING the information on the following pages. This oral information was reduced to writing on June 30, 1959.

- 3 - Bureau (RM)
 - 1 - 100-3-68 (CP, USA, Membership)
- 1 - Baltimore (RM)
 - 1 - 100- (CP, USA, Membership)
- 1 - Boston (RM)
 - 1 - 100-20778 (CP, USA, Membership)
- 2 - Cleveland (RM)
 - 1 - 100-421 (GUS HALL)
 - 1 - 65-721 (ANTHONY KRCHMAREK)
- 1 - Detroit (RM)
 - 1 - 100-16906 (CP, USA, Membership)
- 1 - Los Angeles (RM)
 - 1 - 100- (CP, USA, Membership)
- 1 - Milwaukee (RM)
 - 1 - 100-421 (CP, USA, Organization)
- 1 - Newark (RM)
 - 1 - 100- (CP, USA, Membership)
- 5 - New York (RM)
 - 1 - 100-80638 (CP, USA, Membership)
 - 1 - 100-80641 (CP, USA, Organization)
 - 1 - 100-128817 (CP, USA, New York District, Membership)
 - 1 - 100-56579 (PHIL BART)
 - 1 - 100-8057 (EUGENE DENNIS)
- 1 - Philadelphia (RM)
 - 1 - 100-32208 (CP, USA, Membership)

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- 1 - Pittsburgh (RM)
 - 1 - 100- (CP, USA, Organization)
- 1 - San Diego (RM)
 - 1 - 100- (CP, USA, Membership)
- 1 - San Francisco (RM)
 - 1 - 100-26239 (CP, USA, Membership)
- 1 - Washington Field Office (RM)
 - 1 - 100- (CP, USA, Membership)
- 4 - Chicago
 - 1 - A)134-46
 - 1 - 100-18952 (CP, Illinois District, Membership)
 - 1 - 61-867 (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT)

June 29, 1959

On Thursday and Friday, June 25 and 26, 1959, PHIL BART, National Organization Secretary of the Communist Party (CP), USA, was discussing the current strength of the CP, USA. BART stated that he had been to New England, Philadelphia, and Baltimore. He said that he planned to drive from New York City to Chicago on or about July 4, 1959, would spend some time in Illinois, and would also visit the Wisconsin District. BART stated that he had planned to go to Pittsburgh but for one reason or another GUS HALL said that he wanted to go to Pittsburgh after he completes his vacation, or if he could not make the trip he would send ANTHONY KRCHMAREK.

BART stated that it is his opinion that at the present time the total registered members of the CP, USA, is no more than 4,300 members. He stated that he has not verified the figures for all Districts as yet, but will have the complete picture prior to the 17th National Convention. BART stated that it might be possible to reach a total registered membership of 5,000 by the time of the National Convention if some members pay back dues, if there is some recruiting, etc.

BART said that the registered membership in the New York District is 1,800, even though the New York District has been using 2,000 as the membership figure. BART said that there are only 45 Negroes in the CP in the New York District. This figure of 45 includes the Negro membership in both Brooklyn and Harlem.

It should be noted that subsequently EUGENE DENNIS confirmed this figure of 45 Negroes in the New York District. DENNIS commented that this contrasts with a figure of 85 to 100 Negroes in the CP of Illinois, according to a statement made by CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT.

In regard to California, BART stated that the registered membership of both California Districts is about 1,200. Of this sum, approximately 800 are in the Southern California District, and 400 are in the Northern California District. BART stated that the leadership of the two California Districts had agreed with him that these figures are pretty close to the actual count.

Continuing, BART stated that there are 25 CP members in the Maryland District and about 50 members in the New England District. He stated that the Eastern Pennsylvania District has about 125 members. In regard to the New Jersey District, BART said that he did not have an exact figure but felt that the membership in New Jersey would be, at most, somewhere between 150 and 200.

BART said that he had not checked the membership of the Illinois District as yet. He said that as a guess he would place the Illinois membership at 350 to 400. BART also stated that he had no figures as yet for the Ohio and Michigan Districts. In regard to Michigan, BART stated that he would guess that there are no more than 150 members, if there are that many.

SAC, CHICAGO (100-3313)

July 1, 1959

SA JOHN E. KEATING

JACK KLING
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

EXTREME CARE SHOULD BE USED IN HANDLING AND REPORTING
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CG 5324-S* on June 29, 1959, orally furnished SA JOHN
E. KEATING the information on the following page. This oral
information was reduced to writing on June 30, 1959.

3 - New York (RM)
1 - 100-12959 (CONNIE BART)
1 - 100-50579 (PHIL BART)
2 - Chicago
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June 30, 1959

JACK KLING, member of the State Committee of the Communist Party (CP) of Illinois, stated recently that he planned to spend July 6, 1959, in Chicago with PHIL BART, National Organization Secretary of the CP, USA. KLING also said that PHIL and CORINE BART may spend a few days at his residence while they are on a combined vacation and business trip to Chicago.

KLING said that there is some possibility that he may have to go to the hospital shortly for additional surgery on his knee, which was injured in an accident some time ago.

KLING also said that he has completed his training as a beautician, but that he now has to look for a job. According to KLING, the wife of one of his brothers objected to having him as an employee in the beauty shop operated by his brothers.

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Via AIRTEL RM
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641)

SUBJECT: CP, USA - ORGANIZATION
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CINAL

On 6/30/59, NY 2359-S* advised that a meeting of the Resident NEC and invited guests was held at CP, USA Headquarters in the 3rd floor board room at 23 W. 26th St., NYC on that date. Among those in attendance were: EUGENE DENNIS, IRVING POTASH, JACK STACHEL, ARNOLD JOHNSON, PHIL BART, ELIZABETH FLYNN, WILLIAM PATTERSON and BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR.

- 5- Bureau (100-3-69) (RM)
 - (1- 100-3-89) (CP, USA-Strategy in Industry)
 - (1- 97-401) (Publishers New Press)
- 1- Buffalo (100-11933) (MILTON ROSEN) (Info) (RM)
- 1- New York (100-89590) (CP, USA-Strategy in Industry) (415)
- 1- New York (100-8057) (EUGENE DENNIS) (415)
- 1- New York (97-169) (Publishers New Press) (415)
- 1- New York (100-48033) (IRVING POTASH) (415)
- 1- New York (100-18065) (JACK STACHEL) (415)
- 1- New York (100-16021) (ARNOLD JOHNSON) (415)
- 1- New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
- 1- New York (100-1696) (ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN) (415)
- 1- New York (100-84275) (WILLIAM L. PATTERSON) (415)
- 1- New York (100-23825) (BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR.) (416)
- 1- New York (100-118174) (MILT ROSEN) (416)
- 1- New York (100-80641) (415)

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GENE DENNIS was chairman of the meeting and announced that "Steel" and "The Worker" were two points on the agenda. IRVING POTASH then gave a report on the situation in the steel industry. He presented a general summary of what has taken place between the steel industry and labor unions to date. POTASH stated that one thing was certain at this point, if a strike takes place, as far as the workers were concerned, they definitely will make it an effective strike. POTASH, in recommending what can be done to strengthen the position of the unions and workers, stated that first of all the demands should be clarified to the workers. POTASH stated there was a need for the union to come forward at this time and expose the hypocritical roles of EISENHOWER and governmental agencies much more effectively than has been done; that there was a need to get support for the unions from a good number of Senators and Congressmen and that there was a need for unions to come forward with solidarity pledges in support of the strike.

WILLIAM PATTERSON presented a report on the current fund drive and financial matters relating to "The Worker". He pointed out that of the sixty thousand dollar goal previously set, \$22,300 or 37% has been received. Connecticut obtained approximately \$400 of a \$750 quota, or 63%. Illinois, with a quota of \$2500 has returned only three or four per cent. Indiana, with a small quota, returned 10%. Maryland has submitted 34% of its quota. Michigan has returned 54% of its \$2,000 quota. The New England area has returned \$840 of its \$1,500 quota or 55%. New Jersey with a quota of \$2,000 has returned 61%. PATTERSON pointed out that the rest of the country at large, with a quota of \$5,000, returned \$10,116 or 203%. New York, according to PATTERSON, is at the bottom and with a quota of \$36,000 it has produced about \$5,000 or 13%. PATTERSON stated that with an appreciable change upward in Illinois and New York the possibility of maintaining the paper this summer and putting aside a reserve might be present. PATTERSON pointed out that "The Worker" needed approximately \$30,800 this period and it received \$22,300 to date. The difference of \$8,500

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was made up by loan. PATTERSON stated that "our" operating loss this year will be some \$82,000, and "our" needs for the rest of the year will be fifty to sixty thousand dollars, with weekly expenses averaging a little more than \$2800. PATTERSON pointed out that the circulation of "The Worker" has reached around 12,000. PATTERSON stated that the financial situation has been discussed time and again and various proposals made. He pointed out that a press conference is scheduled for next Monday (July 6) or shortly thereafter. PATTERSON stated there is no organization anywhere for pushing "The Worker". He also stated that the Party has yet to see the community as the starting point for building "The Worker". PATTERSON noted that MILT ROSEN who, according to PATTERSON, is coming to New York as head of the Industrial Commission, outlined a program for developing circulation and sales of "The Worker". ROSEN worked out the plan on the basis of going into plants and communities systematically and following through consistently with a day to day program of selling "The Worker", and bringing in the use of flyers which are of promotional value. (It is noted ROSEN is currently residing in New York and, according to NY 694-S*, is functioning as New York State Labor Secretary). PATTERSON said the leaders of our Party have not come forward with ideologically raising the question of the paper, in terms of other campaigns which are confronting the Party. He suggested a series of articles be written by GENE (DENNIS), BEN (DAVIS) and others in order to set forth the nature and the value of the role of "The Worker". PATTERSON mentioned the projection of a fund drive for \$25,000 by September 1st, with New York contributing \$15,000 of that. Of the \$10,000 remainder, \$5,000 would be realized from "The Worker" itself, and \$5,000 from the rest of the country.

In the discussion that followed ARNOLD JOHNSON commented that the prospect of doing a campaign on "The Worker" would give "us a shot in the arm" in relation to the convention.

Referring to the question of the paper and its role, DENNIS stated it's not only treated in a secondary fashion, but usually it's not treated at all.

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PATTERSON said "we" get money if we go after it but "we're" not going after it.

JACK STACHEL stated "we" have a stable circulation but not a growing one. He said that one of the mistakes made in New York was that "The Worker" drive has been de-emphasized.

The meeting ended without any formal action being taken on proposals submitted.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)

July 2, 1959

SAC, CHICAGO (100-33741)

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CG 5824-S* on June 28, 1959, orally furnished
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- 2 - Bureau (RM)
- 1 - Cleveland (100-421) (GUS HALL) (RM)
- ② - New York (RM)
 - 1 - 100-80641 (CP, USA, Organization)
 - ① - 100-56579 (PHIL BART)
 - 1 - 100-8057 (EUGENE DENNIS)
 - 1 - 100-18065 (JACK STACHEL)
- 2 - Chicago
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June 26, 1959

PHIL BART, National Organization Secretary of the Communist Party (CP), USA, stated on June 25, 1959, that there is considerable speculation in the National Leadership in regard to the role GUS HALL will play prior to and at the 17th National Convention of the CP, USA.

BART said that he, EUGENE DENNIS, JACK STACHEL and possibly others are speculating as to whether GUS HALL will retain an objective position and fight for policy or whether he will lend himself to this or that group in the National Leadership.

SAC, NY (100-80641)

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SA JOSEPH A. CULLEN #415

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On 6/29/59, NY 2362-S* advised of a discussion held between PHIL BART and EUGENE DENNIS in DENNIS' office at CP Headquarters, NYC, on that date.

The discussion was in part concerned with preparations for a celebration of the 40th anniversary of the CP. The informant was unable to obtain complete details but it appeared that BART was suggesting that celebrations be held in NY and Chicago. He recommended that speakers be obtained from China, Cuba, and Venezuela.

The time of the meeting in NY was apparently set for 8:30 PM to 10:45 PM, and the place to be Carnegie Hall. No date was mentioned.

DENNIS observed that "For a sophisticated audience in Carnegie Hall you've got to put on something good..... we want to have the kind of a program that will make it a success." He suggested that they get a professional Negro quartet and pick three or four songs that depict the struggles of the (Negro ?) people.

1 - NY (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
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TO: SAC, NEWARK (100-4284E)
FROM: SA RUSSELL H. HORNER
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May 28, 1959

A [redacted] of the COMMUNIST PARTY (CP) of New Jersey was held on [redacted] to discuss special Party assignments and the question of the state organization. This meeting did not materialize since the only ones to show up were [redacted] PHIL BART, the national organizational secretary, CP, USA, was present, however.

[redacted] did not show up for the meeting due to the fact that there was sickness in each of their families. There was no reason given for [redacted] not being present. Since those present did not form a quorum, no business was conducted, and a general discussion ensued.

Among the topics discussed was that of what the state attitude should be toward those who have left the Party. The general feeling is that there are two groups of persons who have left the Party:

A. Those who are hard-core right wingers form one group and are considered undesirable by the Party and which the Party will not take back.

B. Those who are still for the Party who are socialists and who consider themselves radicals but who left the Party for a variety of reasons, i.e., personality clashes and fatigue over the long wrangling that had existed in the Party. A long discussion ensued as to how to get this group back into the Party, but no conclusions were reached. It is noted that PHIL BART indicated that as of that time the national Party had devised no policy in this regard.

No discussion was held on the problem of assignments, and it was decided to await the forthcoming meeting of the full State Board, which is to be held on June 4, 1959.

During the discussion, [redacted] indicated that [redacted] She stated that she had not been able to see him since his return.

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TO : SAC, CHICAGO (100-2644)
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-56579)
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CG 5824-S*, on July 2, 1959, orally furnished to SA JOHN E. KEATING the information on the following page. This oral information was reduced to writing on July 6, 1959:

- 2 - Bureau (REGISTERED)
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 - (1 - 100-80641) (CP-USA, Organization)
 - (1 - 100-56579) (PHIL BART)
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July 2, 1959

On June 26, 1959, PHIL BART, National Organization Secretary of the Communist Party - USA, stated that the Communist Party was having difficulty trying to obtain a hall for purposes of holding the National Convention on December 10 through 13, 1959, the dates agreed upon by the National Executive Committee. BART said that the Party can obtain a hall for the Convention on the Thanksgiving weekend. Therefore, it may become necessary to ask the National Executive Committee to change the dates selected for the National Convention.

ADDENDUM:

PHIL BART stated on July 4, 1959, that the National Convention of the Communist Party - USA would be held as scheduled on December 10 through 13, 1959, at the Hotel Theresa in New York City. ✓

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TO SAC, NEW YORK

FROM SAC, CHICAGO

PHILIP BART., IS DASH C. RE NY AIRTEL JUNE TWENTY SIX, LAST, AND NY TEL JULY SIX, INSTANT, CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S ADVISED PHIL AND CONNIE BART CURRENTLY STAYING AT RESIDENCE OF MORRIS CHILDS IN CG AND PLAN TO STAY WITH CHILDS UNTIL WEEKEND OF JULY ELEVEN DASH TWELVE, NEXT. RUC.

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-56579)

PHILIP BART
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WEEKLY SUMMARY 6/29/59 - 7/5/59
CINAL

On 6/29/59, NY 1750-S* advised that the subject had discussed with his wife, CONSTANCE, the decision of the Supreme Court on that day to rehear arguments on the LIGHTFOOT (CLAUDE) case. He told his wife that the court's decision was good for the Party and that the attorney for JUNIUS (SCALES) said that the case should be argued on five points. Among them:

1. Is the Smith Act constitutional?
2. Does the McCarren Act supersede the Smith Act?
3. The question of intent, ie, is it intent as interpreted by the law or is it the act that counts?

PHIL and CONNIE then discussed the fact that the subject had come home with DANNY (RUBEL - Organizational Secretary, Kings County CP) who had told him that he was mad at BEN (DAVIS) and BILL (ALBERTSON) for trying to talk JIM (TORMEY) into taking a position in the Kings County CP on a full time basis. PHIL continued that he was somewhat in agreement with RUBEL as they really shouldn't try to present the whole thing to TORMEY as a "big deal", but should prepare him for the fact that although he is going in as Kings County Organizer, it may be only temporary. He told CONNIE that there

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is a move on to do away at the present time with a full time County Organizer. He said that this move will undoubtedly fail as EVIE (WEINER) and MIMI (FRIEDLANDER) are against it. He said that the Queens CP was for it and that Brooklyn has not had any representation on it as yet. He said that the Party shouldn't put a person like JIM in a compromising position like that where his job may be abolished at any time.

Later PHIL and CONNIE discussed the fact that he had talked to BEN DAVIS and complained that there was no more life in the Party and that they have to have some victories which will give the people more confidence in them. He said that DAVIS' only thought was that "The Worker" must be saved. PHIL suggested that a committee of 10 or 12 people be formed to look into the paper and to make suggestions at the National Convention in the fall. He said that DAVIS is in favor of making a front page appeal which he rejected, saying that it would make them look too weak to the outside.

PHIL then spoke about the situation at CP National Headquarters and the fact that they have too many people on the payroll. He said that what they needed was a place like they used to have on 7th Avenue. He continued that what they need is office space in a working class neighborhood so that the functionaries can be where they can see the people. He said that they actually should spread out and have offices in the Bronx, Brooklyn and other areas.

On 6/29/59, NY 694-S* advised that the subject had stated that he was not satisfied with the present arrangements for the coming CP National Convention (to be held at Academy Hall on Thanksgiving weekend). Source further

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stated that BART had said he was going to attempt to arrange the Convention at the Hotel Theresa at 125th Street and 7th Avenue, for the period of 12/10 - 13/59, as was originally planned.

On 6/30/59, NY 1750-S* advised that the BARTS had JIM TORMEY for dinner that evening prior to TORMEY's and CONNIE BART's going to a meeting of the Kings County CP Committee where TORMEY would be introduced as the new County Organizer for Brooklyn. During the meal, TORMEY and CONNIE BART discussed the Brooklyn CP organization. CONNIE BART asked TORMEY if he would speak at the meeting that night to which TORMEY said that he would try to avoid to at this time as he may become involved in issues with which he is not familiar. She told TORMEY that she had attempted to have every section organizer represented at that evening's meeting to which he replied that that would be good as he probably would have a lot of questions to ask.

The subject then discussed with TORMEY a conversation he had had with BEN DAVIS that day regarding the age groupings of the present New York membership. He said that they both agreed that the present membership are getting too old and can't move around as well as they used to.

They then discussed the fact that PETTIS PERRY was in New York from California and would be there for a number of weeks in order to organize some activity around the coming NAACP Convention. Mention was made of the fact that JIM JACKSON was going on vacation that Friday (7/3/59).

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The BARTS then discussed with TORMEY their vacation plans which will begin on the July 4th weekend. The subject mentioned to TORMEY that they expect to go to Chicago and that he would like to arrive there early Saturday in order to attend a picnic which is being held there. He mentioned to TORMEY that he expects to be in contact with MORRIS CHILDS and other functionaries in the Chicago area.

On 6/30/59, NY 2359-S* advised that the subject had been in attendance on that day at a meeting of the Resident NEC held at CP Headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, New York City. The source further advised that the meeting had dealt mainly with a report on the steel situation by IRVING POTASH and on "The Worker" fund drive by WILLIAM PATTERSON.

On 7/1/59, NY 1750-S* advised that the subject and his wife had discussed the previous evening's meeting of the Kings County CP Committee. CONNIE mentioned that BEN DAVIS had made the formal proposal that TORMEY be accepted as the new County Organizer for Brooklyn. She said there was a good deal of discussion on it with ALLEN (LAWS) being one of the main speakers and explaining his reasons for abstaining from the voting. She said that DAVIS disagreed with LAWS and in the car going home with LAWS, he was very upset about this. She said that others had spoke without saying anything and finally TORMEY was accepted.

They then again discussed their vacation trip to Chicago and the subject said that they would definitely stay with the CHILDS (MORRIS) and also spend one night at JACKS (KLING).

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On 7/2/59, NY 1750-S* advised that the subject and his wife discussed leaving on their vacation for Chicago on Friday and arriving there by Saturday afternoon, where they would proceed directly to a picnic which would be then in progress.

CONNIE then discussed BEN DAVIS who she called a "prima donna". She said that even when he makes a good speech with concrete points, she feels that it is a measured thing. She said that it was her opinion that DAVIS has less concern for people than anyone she had ever met in the CP. The subject agreed with her to which CONNIE answered that his relations with women CP members are very poor and that he usually handles them like dirt. PHIL commented that DAVIS does not like to bother with the New York organization and leaves most of the details to BILL ALBERTSON. She said that she hopes that at the next State Convention they abolish DAVIS' job in the organization. PHIL's only comment was that he would be happy if they leave things as they are.

Later in the evening the BARTS discussed various people on vacation at CP Headquarters. The subject said that GENE DENNIS was out of the office and that GUS HALL was going on vacation. He said that JIM JACKSON was going to Texas on his vacation and that ARNOLD JOHNSON was also taking some time off. He also mentioned that BILL STANLEY (superintendent at CP Headquarters) was also leaving that day.

The subject later received two phone calls apparently in connection with the National Convention to be held in the fall. During one of these calls he stated that he wanted to

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reserve a couple of rooms for Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, December 10 through 13. On the subsequent call, apparently from the same person, it would appear that the above dates were not available and that the earliest date would be early in 1960. The subject then mentioned to the caller the alternate dates of December 3 through 6 and 17 through 20.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100-1696)

DATE: 7/8/59

FROM: SA DONALD E. HARTNETT

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN
IS-C; ISA 1950

On 6/26/59, NY 2379-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN told KATHY FLYNN that LOUIS (WEINSTOCK) is crazy. She said he is throwing a party tonight for people who were active in the May Day affair, and he forgot to invite ELIZABETH until just now. ELIZABETH tells KATHY that she would like to go to LOUIS' but it is too late now to call off her date for MARY's (KAUFMAN) dinner.

On 6/26/59, NY 2318-S*, who has furnish reliable information in the past, advised the subject was contacted by MURIEL SYMINGTON. SYMINGTON stated that she has the petition that ELIZABETH sent her relating to HENRY WINSTON and will sign it and return it to her. She said that she could get no one else to sign it.

NY 2318-S* also advised that on that date, STAN GOODMAN from Brooklyn contacted ELIZABETH and stated that

- 1- New York (100-26018) (LOUIS WEINSTOCK) (415)
- 1- New York (100-8529) (MARY KAUFMAN) (425)
- 1- New York (100-9137) (MURIEL SYMINGTON) (422)
- 1- New York (100-120546) (STAN GOODMAN) (422)
- 1- New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (422)
- 1- New York (100-9365) (BILL FOSTER) (415)
- 1- New York (100-111666) (JACK SHULMAN) (415)
- 1- New York (100-15946) (JAMES TORMEY)
- 1- New York (100-13483) (BETTY GANNETT) (422)
- 1- New York (100-27452) (ROBERT THOMPSON) (415)
- 1- New York (100-) (ELLEN THOMPSON)
- 1- New York (100-45462) (ROSE BARRON) (424)
- 1- New York (62-11740) (NORMAN THOMAS)
- 1- New York (100-54965) (JOHN ABT) (425)
- 1- New York (100-1696) (415)

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he had met her a few weeks ago and wanted to see her that date. She advised him that she would be unable to meet him that date, however, they arranged for an appointment in the office (CP Headquarters) on Tuesday.

On 6/27/59, NY 2379-S* advised the subject and her sister, KATHY, discussed MURIEL SYMINGTON and her relationship to Senator SYMINGTON. KATHY said she heard that MURIEL was his second cousin. ELIZABETH said he is related to her in some way - stating "remember the picture she showed". ELIZABETH commented "Wouldn't it be funny if he was elected President?"

Also on that date, NY 2379-S* advised ELIZABETH stated that a week from Sunday she would try to get PHIL (BART) to drive her out to see BILL (FOSTER). ELIZABETH said that she would not tell JACK (SHULMAN) or anyone else but would just drop in for a few minutes to chat with BILL.

Later, same date, ELIZABETH and her sister, KATHY, discussed KATHY's pending trip to Nigeria in early fall. ELIZABETH said that if KATHY wants to stay in Nigeria she, ELIZABETH, might ask JIM (TORMEY) and BETTY (GANNETT) to come and stay with her.

On 6/28/59, NY 2379-S* advised ELIZABETH told her sister, KATHY, that she is worried that ELLEN (THOMPSON) would not cooperate with them in BOB's (THOMPSON) case and that they have been counting on her to deliver messages to and from BOB.

On 6/28/59, NY 2318-S* advised MARY (KAUFMAN) advised the subject that she has written a letter to BOB THOMPSON telling him that ELIZABETH is working on his parole and that NORMAN THOMAS is his parole advisor. Further that if he has any questions he should get in touch with JOHN (ABT). MARY told ELIZABETH that she is writing to ELLEN

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(THOMPSON) telling her to get in touch with ELIZABETH with reference to ELLEN visiting BOB. ELIZABETH is to get money from ROSE BARRON to give to ELLEN to finance the trip. She also told ELLEN in the letter that if BOB had any problems or questions, ELLEN should consult with ELIZABETH about them.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM ** UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69) ~~SECRET~~ DATE: 7/9/59

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-33741)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY - USA
ORGANIZATION
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

~~CLASSIFIED BY 6076 on 10-4-78
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CARE SHOULD BE USED IN REPORTING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE IDENTITY OF THE INFORMANT.

[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally furnished the information on the following page to SA JOHN E. KEATING on July 8, 1959. This oral information was reduced to writing on July 9, 1959. ~~X~~

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It should be noted that [redacted] has been a supporter of the [redacted] in the National leadership of the Communist Party - USA. ~~X~~

- 2 - Bureau (REGISTERED)
- 1 - Indianapolis (100-11093) (CP-USA, Organization) (REGISTERED)
- 2 - New York (REGISTERED)
 - (1 - 100-80641) (CP-USA, Organization)
 - (1 - 100-56579) (PHIL BART)
- 4 - Chicago
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 - (1 - 100-18953) (CP-USA, Illinois District, Organization)
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It has been learned that PHIL BART, National Organization Secretary of the Communist Party - USA, while in Chicago during the week of July 7, 1959, made several efforts to get together with [redacted] of the Communist Party of Indiana, in order to discuss Communist Party organization in Indiana. Finally, [redacted] to see BART at 9:00 A.M. on Wednesday, July 8, 1959. At approximately 7:30 A.M. on July 8, 1959, [redacted] made a telephone call to BART. [redacted] told BART that he, [redacted] is not a full time paid functionary like some people, that he has to work for a living and, therefore, he would not be able to keep his appointment with BART. With this statement, [redacted] closed the conversation by hanging up the telephone.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, BUFFALO

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-128814)

SUBJECT: CP, USA, NY DISTRICT,
ORGANIZATION
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Date: 7/4/59

Identity of Informant NY 2358-S*
Reliability Who has furnished reliable
information in the past
Date 5/22/59

1-Buffalo (100-) (RM)
1-Albany (100-) (RM)
1-New York (100-129629) (WILLIAM ALBERTSON) (416)
1-New York (100-101604) (HARRY GAY) (425)
1-New York (100-93665) (MIRIAM FRIEDLANDER) (421)
1-New York (100-10113) (LENNIE LEVENSON) (414)
1-New York (100-12959) (CONSTANCE BART) (422)
1-New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
1-New York (100-13483) (BETTY GANNETT) (416)
1-New York (100-111666) (JACK SHULMAN) (415)
1-New York (100-88013) (SOPHIE NASCIMENTO) (416)
1-New York (100-55159) (EDITH ROSENBERG) (421)
1-New York (100-58535) (CONSTANTINE RADZIE) (335)
1-New York (100-128816) (CP, USA NYD NATIONAL GROUPS) (416)
1-New York (100-26603c40) (CP, USA NYD BRONX COUNTY) (421)
1-New York (100-26603c41) (CP, USA NYD QUEENS COUNTY) (423)
1-New York (100-26603c42) (CP, USA NYD NEW YORK COUNTY) (425)
1-New York (100-26603c43) (CP, USA NYD KINGS COUNTY) (422)
1-New York (100-26603c44) (CP, USA NYD WESTCHESTER-ROCKLAND-
PUTNAM COUNTIES) (414)
1-New York (100-26603c45) (CP, USA NYD NASSAU-SUFFOLK COUNTIES) (414)
1-New York (100-132430) (CP, USA NYD INDUSTRIAL DIVISION) (42)
1-New York (100-128822) (CP, USA NYD EDUCATION) (416)
1-New York (100-128814) (416)

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According to NY 2358-S* on 5/22/59, a meeting of the Organizational Commission of the CP, USA, NY District, took place in the 2nd floor boardroom at CP Headquarters, 23 W. 26th St., NYC, on that date. BILL ALBERTSON was Chairman of the meeting which was attended by HARRY GAY, MIMI FRIEDLANDER, LENNIE LEVENSON, CONNIE BART, PHIL BART, BETTY GANNETT, JACK SHULMAN, SOPHIE NASCIMENTO, EDITH ROSENBERG and a man believed to be CONSTANTINE RADZIE, among others. ALBERTSON was Chairman of the meeting, which handled a three point agenda: Registration; The Cadre School; and the date for the next meeting.

ALBERTSON introduced CONNIE BART as the Assistant Organizational Secretary of Brooklyn, PHIL BART, as the National Organizational Secretary, and HARRY GAY, as having come from Buffalo recently and as Membership Secretary of the State. He then stated that the main point of discussion was the report on the status of registration and called upon HARRY GAY to start the report.

HARRY GAY reported that registration had reached a total of $66\frac{1}{2}\%$ of the 1958 figure or a total of 1628. This figure was broken down to the following subheadings: 47% male and 53% female; the age level was a little over 47 years with 941 over 40 years of age, or 60%, 70% in the Party over 15 years; 215 or 13.6% under 35 years of age; nationalities, showing 9 Puerto Ricans or $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1 per cent, 41 Italians for 2.6 per cent, Jewish Comrades representing 67.7 per cent of the registration. In the counties, the breakdown was: Bronx, 233 of 270 or 86.39%; Manhattan, 447 of 559 or 79.9%;

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Brooklyn, 285 of 282, or 101 %; Queens, 88 of 150 or 58.6%; Nassau - Suffolk, 61 of 100 or 61%; Upstate, 85 of 100 or 85%; Industrial, 460 of 860 or 53½%. It was stated by GAY that there was no report for Westchester, which had a total registration of 50 last year. It was further stated that: in NY County, with the largest Negro population, only 39 were registered; in the Bronx, 7 were registered; in Brooklyn, 17 were registered; in Queens, 4 were registered; in Nassau, one was registered; Upstate, 17 were registered and in Industrial, 10 were registered.

(In connection with the above report, it should be noted that, while the registration to date was announced as 1628, the true total of the figures given, amounts to 1659).

Following a short discussion period, GAY interrupted with the figures for the Industrial concentration as follows:

Production, 422; transportation, 5; service, 66; distributive, 39; communication, 2; white collar, 283; unemployed, 82; housewives, 312; students, 10; professional, 217; farmers, 1; self-employed, 59; employer, 1; retired, 31; union affiliation, 526 out of 817 workers available. GAY said that this figure excluded professional, unemployed, housewives, students, retired, self-employed, farmers and employers. Following this, ALBERTSON summed up and made some recommendations. He proposed: 1. extension of the registration period to July 4; 2. raising this question before the State Committee and explaining why they needed the extension; 3. A special meeting of the State Board to discuss the picture of the Party which the registration indicated.

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According to the informant, all present agreed to these recommendations.

ALBERTSON introduced the next point on the agenda as the full-time Cadre school and called upon BETTY GANNETT. BETTY spoke and said that the original date for the school was July 11, and that she had suggested July 27, but had been informed that the National Committee Meeting was postponed until the week of July 27th, so that this created a problem. She said that each county should work out a pool of people for them to select individuals from, for interview for the school. She said she wanted to submit this question for serious discussion and was going to take it up at the Educational Commission. She said they were going to try to work out, on a week end basis, a school for a limited number of people. She asked that every county send one or two people to sit together for a whole week end with a teacher. She said that their aim was to have one instructor teach as much of the school as possible because she was against a new instructor every day. She advocated letting someone teach the first five days and be done with it.

Concerning the Cadre school, ALBERTSON said that the Party's Cadre problem was such that they had best begin to look at everyone in the Party and see who had leadership potential. He said that the bigger the list was the better it was. He said that the County staff has to make up the Cadre list and assign quotas to go to the school from the counties, which would make it possible for BETTY and RADZIE, together with the county leadership, to pick about 30 who would attend.

ALBERTSON said he agreed with BETTY's proposal

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for pools. He mentioned the second week of August and said that this was the time he would be expected to teach in the school. He warned that the selection of students had to be done quite rapidly because people had to have time to free themselves to attend class.

BETTY then asked that every county give her at least a partial list within 10 days, so she could establish a partial pool. This suggestion was agreeable to all present.

On the question of finances, ALBERTSON said that, if anyone would take off from work for the purpose of attending school, but would need money for the week, it would be up to the counties to handle the matter. He said that the state would furnish books and rent.

ALBERTSON then said that the next point to be taken up was the time for the next meeting of this commission. Following some discussion, it was agreed that Friday, June 26, would be the date for the next meeting and the present meeting adjourned.

In the event it becomes necessary to disseminate this information, care should be taken to protect the informant's identity.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100-56579) (422)
FROM: SA [Redacted]
SUBJECT: PHIL BART
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DATE: JUL 10 1959

The above captioned subject was observed entering and/or leaving 23 West 26th St., New York, New York.

NY 1726-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on 4/21/57 that effective 4/15/57 the National and New York State offices of the Communist Party would occupy the premises at 23 West 26th Street, New York, New York.

NY 694-S* on 6/5/58 advised that the editorial staff of "The Worker" was to be moved into the building at 23 West 26th Street on 6/7,8/58.

NY 2002-S* on 6/20/58 verified the occupancy of the basement and first floor areas of building by the office staff of "The Worker", an East Coast weekly Communist newspaper.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OBSERVED BY SAS</u>
6/26/59	WILLIAM J. BARRON
6/29/59	[Redacted] JAMES G. FITZGERALD
6/30/59	[Redacted]
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641)

SUBJECT: CPUSA - ORGANIZATION
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On 7/10/59, [redacted] Hotel Theresa, 125th St. and 7th Avenue, NYC, advised that his records reflect that the CP has no future reservations for any functions to be held at their hotel.

[redacted] of the Theresa Cabaret Inc. which is a concession at the Hotel which runs the bar and rents a large hall, advised some date that the CPUSA through PHILIP BART, Organizational Secretary, had contracted their hall from December 10-13, 1959, for \$700.00. He said that a retainer of \$200.00 had been given.

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[redacted] advised he is now reluctant to allowing the CPUSA to use the hall but that the contract may force him to fulfill the rental. He said that the management has final approval of all persons renting. The hotel management appears to be against renting to the CP because of repercussions and publicity. [redacted] said he would consult the hotel and ascertain their position and advise NYO when a decision is made.

Bureau will be promptly advised of all developments.

3 - Bureau (100-3-69) (RM)
1 - NY (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
1 - NY (100-80641)
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM *** UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC (100-32067)
FROM : SA HARRY H. PLUMMER
SUBJECT: CPUSA - EDUCATION
IS - C

DATE: 7/10/59

On 5/27/59, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally advised SA HARRY H. PLUMMER of the following. This information was dictated 6/2/59 into statement form, typed by Stenographer [redacted] on 6/2/59, and was then read and initialed by the informant on 6/9/59. It is maintained in [redacted]

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"A CP [redacted] was held on Tuesday, [redacted] at the [redacted] Street, Philadelphia. Those present were [redacted]

[redacted] New York CP member, was scheduled to attend but did not do so.

- 2 - New York (REGISTERED MAIL)
- ① - 100-56579 (PHIL BART)
- 1 - [redacted]
- 14 - Philadelphia
- 1 - 100-32067

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[redacted] the class and handled the discussion. [redacted] a recent speech by JAMES HOFFA wherein HOFFA was reported to have said all union contracts should fall due on the same date, thereby setting up a possible general strike; in this way putting management on the spot. [redacted] said the newspapers had wrongly quoted HOFFA concerning the above.

[redacted] pointed out the HOFFA speech showed class consciousness as regards labor and management classes. [redacted] said HOFFA is strictly [redacted] that Congress is attempting to break up the teamsters as they are a very strong union. [redacted] the bourgeoisie could not control teamster locals. [redacted] said the long-range CP program is to bring socialism to the unions.

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"A [redacted] meeting is to be held Thursday, 6/4/59, at the [redacted] Philadelphia.

"A CP [redacted] is to be held Tuesday, 6/2/59, at the [redacted]

"PHIL BART, a CP functionary, was in Philadelphia on Saturday. [redacted] PHIL BART, [redacted]

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100-56579) (422)

FROM: SA [Redacted]

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DATE: JUL 10 1959

SUBJECT: PHIL BART
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WILLIAM J. BARRON

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Identity of Source [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past (conceal)

Description of Info [redacted] Committee

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Date Received 6/19/59

Received By SA CHARLES W. CAVANAUGH (orally)

Original Located [redacted]

The following information was furnished by [redacted] on [redacted] and authenticated by [redacted] on 6/30/59.

The marked copies of the constitution referred to herein have previously been disseminated.

A copy of informant's report follows:

- 1 - Newark (100- [redacted]) (PAT (LNU), at meeting of Committee to Revise the Constitution of CP, per [redacted] (RM)
- 1 - New York ([redacted]) (INV) (#422)
- 1 - New York [redacted]
- 1 - New York [redacted]
- 1 - New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (#415)
- 1 - New York [redacted]
- 1 - New York (100-4931) (#415)

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On [redacted] there was a meeting of the Committee to
[redacted] at Party
Headquarters in New York City.

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The following were present: [redacted]

[redacted] PHIL BART, [redacted]

The meeting consisted of the handing out of copies
of the Party constitution which were marked in accordance with
the thoughts of the group. Nothing else was accomplished.

DATE: 7/10/59

AIRTEL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-428009)
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-34705)
SUBJECT: U.S. FESTIVAL COMMITTEE
(SEVENTH WORLD YOUTH FESTIVAL)
IS - C

UTMOST CARE MUST BE USED IN HANDLING AND REPORTING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE IDENTITY OF THIS HIGHLY PLACED INFORMANT.

CG 5824-S* on 7/10/59, orally furnished to SA JOHN E. KEATING the following information:

In a recent conversation, [redacted] member of the National Committee of the CP, USA, who is supposed to go to [redacted] to the [redacted] stated that she still has not obtained a passport.

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During the week of 7/5/59, PHIL BART, National Organization Secretary of the CP, USA, talked to [redacted] in order to convince her that the CP, USA wants her to accompany the [redacted] inasmuch as she is a politically reasonable person. BART advised that he was able to convince [redacted] that if she can obtain a passport she should make the trip to [redacted]

- 3 - Bureau (AM) (REGISTERED)
- ③ - New York (REGISTERED)
 - (1 - 100-134505 U.S. Festival Committee)
 - (1 - 100-56579 PHIL BART)
 - (1 - 100-105078 HYMAN LUMER)
- 6 - Chicago
 - (1 - A)134-46)
 - (1 - 100-3470 MORRIS CHILDS)
 - (1 - 100-24800 LOUIS DISKIN)
 - (1 - 100-2748 SAM KUSHNER)
 - (1 - [redacted])

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During the week of [redacted] stated that at one time she was active in the [redacted] Youth, therefore, she has written to [redacted] asking that she be invited to attend the [redacted] as a [redacted] [redacted] she would then join the [redacted] If she does not receive a reply to this letter in time then she will leave the United States as an [redacted]

[redacted] said that MORRIS CHILDS told her that he had been authorized by EUGENE DENNIS, Secretary of the CP, USA, to give her money for expenses for the trip. [redacted] said she would ask CHILDS for \$1,000 on 7/10/59, for the purpose of defraying transportation costs. She said that she had asked for and had received a five-week leave of absence from her place of employment. If she obtains a passport she plans to leave Chicago on 7/23/59, and would spend one day in New York City conferring with HY LUMER in obtaining any instructions. She would then proceed to [redacted] and from [redacted] She said she also plans to visit her grandmother in [redacted] she would spend at most one week in [redacted] so as to be able to return to the United States by Labor Day.

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PHIL BART stated during the week of 7/5/59, that he had persuaded LOU DISKIN, member of the CP of Illinois, to apply for a passport and to go to [redacted] with the U.S. [redacted] in the event that [redacted] does not obtain a passport. BART stated that he told DISKIN that the CP will pay his salary during the time he is in Europe. BART commented that he was of the opinion that SAM KUSHNER, Vice Chairman of the CP of Illinois, had been instrumental in previously persuading DISKIN not to apply for a passport and not to agree to go to [redacted]

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (100-33741)

DATE: 7/10/59

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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CARE SHOULD BE USED IN HANDLING AND REPORTING THE
FOLLOWING INFORMATION IN ORDER TO FURTHER PROTECT THE IDENTITY
OF A HIGHLY PLACED INFORMANT.

CG 5824-S* on July 10, 1959, orally furnished to
SA JOHN E. KEATING the following information:

PHIL BART, National Organization Secretary of the
Communist Party (CP), USA, and his wife, CONNIE BART, left
Chicago by auto Friday morning, July 10, 1959. BART planned
to spend a few hours with CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT at the latter's
farm in Indiana. The purpose of BART's plan to see LIGHTFOOT
was to tell LIGHTFOOT that he should start preparing and
organizing for the National Convention of the CP, USA. BART
was to tell LIGHTFOOT that EUGENE DENNIS believes that there

- 3 - Bureau (AM) (RM)
- 1 - Detroit (RM)
 - 1 - 100-13420 (CARL WINTER)
- 7 - New York (AM) (RM)
 - 1 - 100-87211 (CP, USA, Factionalism)
 - 1 - 100-80641 (CP, USA, Organization)
 - 1 - 100-12959 (CONNIE BART)
 - 1 - 100-56579 (PHIL BART)
 - 1 - 100-23825 (BENJAMIN DAVIS, JR.)
 - 1 - 100-8057 (EUGENE DENNIS)
 - 1 - 100-9365 (WILLIAM Z. FOSTER)
- 4 - Chicago
 - 1 - A) 134-46
 - 1 - 61-867 (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT)
 - 1 - 100-32207 (CINAL)

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will be a fight at the National Convention, and also that he believes that the "opposition" as represented by FOSTER and DAVIS, is already organizing and preparing for the National Convention. BART was also to tell LIGHTFOOT that DENNIS wants LIGHTFOOT to invite CARL WINTER to spend a few days with him in Indiana. The purpose of this would be to have LIGHTFOOT try to convince WINTER to stop ranting and raving about petty matters.

PHIL and CONNIE BART planned to proceed from LIGHTFOOT's farm in Indiana to Patterson, New York. CONNIE BART will spend one week vacationing at Patterson, New York. PHIL BART planned to proceed to New York City from Patterson and hoped to be back at the National Office of the CP, USA, on Monday morning, July 13, 1959.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3284)

7/13/59

SAC, NEW YORK (100-56579)

PHILIP BART
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WEEKLY SUMMARY 7/6/59 - 7/12/59
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The subject and his wife CONSTANCE have been in Chicago during most of the above period. While in Chicago they have been residing with MORRIS CHILDS.

CG 5824-S* advised on 7/10/59 that the BARTS left Chicago on that date by car and were proceeding to CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT'S farm in Indiana where the subject hoped to spend a few hours. Source further advised that from LIGHTFOOT'S the BARTS expected to drive to Patterson, NY where CONNIE BART will spend a weeks vacation. The subject expects to return to work Monday morning July 13, 1959.

2- Bureau (100-3284) (RM)
1- New York (100-56579)

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM * * UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3)
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-2398)
SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY - USA
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DATE: 7/7/59

CG 5824-S*, on June 29, 1959, made available to SA JOHN E. KEATING, for photostating, six documents pertaining to a Communist Party trial held in the Northern California District. CG 5824-S* advised that he understood that MICKEY LIMA, Chairman

- 3 - Bureau (Encls. 6) (REGISTERED)
 - (1 - 100-3-104) (CP-USA, Counter-Intelligence Program)
- (3) - New York (Encls. 6) (REGISTERED)
 - (1 - 100-4931) (Communist Party - USA)
 - (1 - 100-56579) (PHIL BART)
 - (1 - 100-81495) (HARRY HAYWOOD)
- 9 - San Francisco (Encls. 6) (REGISTERED)
 - (1 - 100-) (Communist Party - USA)
 - (1 - 100-) (CP-USA, Northern California District, Counter-Intelligence Program)
 - (1 - 100-27791) (CP-USA, Northern California District, Factionalism)
 - (1 - [redacted])
 - (1 - 100-) (LEE COE) b6
 - (1 - [redacted]) b7C
 - (1 - 100-26076) (AL LANNON)
 - (1 - 65-1242) (MICKEY LIMA)
 - (1 - 100-) (RUSSELL L. LINTON)
- 10 - Chicago
 - (1 - A/134-46)
 - (1 - 100-32864) (CP-USA, Counter-Intelligence Program)
 - (1 - 100-18963) (CP-USA, Illinois District, Factionalism)
 - (1 - 100-24729) (EMANUEL BLUM)
 - (1 - 100-3470) (MORRIS CHILDS)
 - (1 - 100-14652) (JAMES KELLER)
 - (1 - 100-2748) (SAM KUSHNER)
 - (1 - 61-867) (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT)
 - (1 - 100-20289) (JAMES WEST)

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of the Northern California District of the Communist Party - USA, had given copies of these documents to PHIL BART, National Organization Secretary of the Communist Party - USA. BART, in turn, gave these documents to MORRIS CHILDS. BART stated that the trial pertained to charges of factionalism involving AL LANNON, and that CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, Chairman of the Communist Party of Illinois, should be given the opportunity to review the documents in regard to charges of factionalism against JAMES KELLER in the Illinois District. CG 5824-S* stated that in his opinion the National Committee would not take any action on these documents on the theory that the accused had not exhausted all remedies in Northern California District.

One document is a handwritten letter, which is dated June 7, 1959, is addressed "To The National Committee", and is signed "Comradely yours, M." The following is the complete text of this handwritten letter:

"I have presented a number of documents to Comrade Mickey Lima our rep. to the N.C. which he assured me would be presented to you. (He is leaving the West coast on June 8, 1959.

"They are relative to charges, trial committee & factional situation in N. Calif.

"They include

- "1. Covering letter - appealing to you for ruling on trial procedure established - that precludes any possibility for defense.
- "2. Facts substantiating appeal & background of developments of recent period.
- "3. Documents issued by Board to comrades against whom charges were filed.
- "4. Minutes of trial.
- "5. Document submitted by 2 comrades who were my advisors at trial who are concerned with the situation in the Party - the paralysis & splintering of the Party."

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One photostat copy of the handwritten letter and the five enclosures described therein are enclosed herewith to the Bureau, New York and San Francisco Offices. The Chicago copies are located in Chicago file 100-2398-1B8.

[redacted] CG 5824-S* advised that he did not know the identity who signed the handwritten letter. It is the opinion of the Chicago Division that the author of this letter is [redacted]
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It is noted that HARRY HAYWOOD and JAMES KELLER are mentioned in the document with the caption "Events Preceding Trial Against Me That Have Direct Bearing on Case". In the same document, the statement "K and W from Chicago who were recently here" may refer to SAM KUSHNER and JAMES WEST, Vice Chairman and Executive Secretary of the Communist Party of Illinois.

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In the document dated May 15, 1959, from the District Board addressed to "V.A., and M; copy to Trial Committee", it is believed that the comrades involved may be [redacted] AL LANNON and [redacted]

It is noted that the document presented by "two comrades who were my advisors at trial" is signed "LEE COE and "RUSSELL L. LINTON". In the document which contains the penciled notes taken at the trial on May 24, 1959, it is noted that the accused asked that SAM KUSHNER, KELLER and HARRY HAYWOOD be called as his witnesses. In this document, it also states that MANNY BLUM, Chairman of Indiana, has split with KELLER.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: CHICAGO (100-)

DATE: 7/8/59

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641)

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- 1 (1-61-867) (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT)
- 1 (1-100-3470) (MORRIS CHILDS)
- 3-Cleveland (Info) (RM)
- 1 (1-100-421) (GUS HALL)
- 1 (1-65-721) (ANTON KRCHMARLK)
- 2-Detroit (Info) (RM)
- 1 (1-100-13420) (CARL WINTER)
- 2-Philadelphia (Info) (RM)
- 1 (1-100-) (HENRY MOSS)
- 2-Seattle (Info) (RM)
- 1 (1-100-127) (BURT NELSON)
- 2-San Francisco (Info) (RM)
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- 1-New York (100-80640) (CP, USA-Negro Question) (415)
- 1-New York (100-86624) (CP, USA-International Relations) (415)
- 1-New York (100-23825) (BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR.) (416)
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- 1-New York (100-1696) (ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN) (415)
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There follows a summary of a Full National Executive Committee meeting of the CP, USA held in CP Headquarters, NYC on 6/9,10 and 11/59, as reported by NY 2359-S*. Information concerning this meeting was previously furnished to the Bureau and interested offices by airtel. This letter is submitted to more fully disseminate to individual case files.

First Day's Session 6/9/59

On 6/9/59, NY 2359-S*, advised that the first day's session of the Full NEC, CP, USA, was held in the third floor board room at CP Headquarters, 23 West 26th St., NYC. The meeting opened at 10:54 a.m., this date and EUGENE DENNIS, acting as chairman gave the agenda as follows:

1. Recent Supreme Court decisions.
2. Report on the constitution.
3. Discussion on convention document re economic question.

On 6/10/59, agenda to include the NEC report and resolution on Negro question. (Informant advised no agenda given for 6/11/59).

JACK STACHEL discussed the Supreme Court decision in connection with legislation in Virginia directed against the NAACP. He said he had not read the main document as yet, but it appeared that the majority of the court (Supreme Court) yielded to pressure from Congress. STACHEL noted that congress refused to pass civil rights legislation, but did pass the anti-labor bill. He then commented on what he considered Government refusal to act in the MACK CHARLES PARKER lynching case.

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STACHEL felt that action should be taken to make these things clear to the masses: he claimed that the movement is not united enough and "we" must know who the enemies are and understand how to utilize the strength of the people for the "left". He continued that among other things the problem is to mobilize the Spanish and Negro workers adding that the Party should not repeat the mistakes of 1951 and said there are tremendous possibilities for the future. In conclusion, STACHEL spoke of the crucial role of the Party for the 1960 elections, and pointed out that "The Worker" will have an editorial and story on this subject matter.

CARL WINTER spoke of the tremendous achievements of the Labor Movement in the 1958 elections. He said that the American people should be reminded that they hold the power to defeat the right to work legislation.

MICKEY LIMA in referring to the Supreme Court decisions said he regarded them as supporting the activities of the HCUA. He commented that this opens the door for widespread investigations and said that the timing of the decision "is no accident either." He said that the Party should point out "this open subversion of the constitution."

BEN DAVIS, JR. stated that efforts will be made to change the direction of the Supreme Court and that "we" should take a very serious view of this and should see it as a long range fight. He commented that President EISENHOWER is "changing the Supreme Court." Regarding amnesty, DAVIS said that we need a top man in the Party to be responsible. He said that the Party should make a special effort to merge the left forces with the Negro and labor forces.

ARNOLD JOHNSON stated that the court decision is practically outlawing the CP and said "we", therefore, had better state our position and protect it.

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An individual believed by informant to be MORRIS CHILDS stated that we should emphasize that this is an attack against the civil liberties of all the people. He said we should leave out the question of fascism as such and defend against the attacks against the Labor Movement.

EUGENE DENNIS stated that these decisions are not only against Communism, but against the Labor Movement; as well. He recommended a legislative attack and that they move more vigorously.

Informant advised that it was suggested that an editorial or a circular would be issued regarding the recent Supreme Court decisions.

PHIL BART spoke on the CP constitution, noting that some important sections were formulated when there were revisionists in the Party. He recalled that at the last convention there was a sharp debate which was reflected in the constitution. BART remarked that at that time there were attempts to change it which failed. He said that any changes that are made must be in a Democratic spirit.

With respect to the right to dissent, BART observed "we shouldn't get any idea that we are curbing the free expression of the membership." He said that the preamble to the constitution requires some change, but recommended that the present preamble which is "the Party program in capsule form," be taken into consideration. He suggested that committees consider the 1948 preamble.

BART then took up various articles and sections of the constitution, specifying proposed changes and in some instances indicating that no change was needed.

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Following the luncheon recess, 6/9/59, DENNIS suggested that in ensuing discussion period, attention be concentrated on central proposals made during the morning session.

CARL WINTER pointed out that the proposed constitutional changes could be made without rewriting the constitution itself. He did not favor extensive changes, but noted that changes could be effected by action within the framework of the constitution as written. He remarked that BART had laid a sound foundation with his suggestions. He then observed that he favored moderate treatment of the present constitution and that he felt there was no need for a perfect document. He concluded with the statement "let the constitution summarize the unity and strength of the Party's organizational foundation."

BURT NELSON apparently felt that a discussion of the constitutional changes would have been simplified if the NEC report had been made available prior to the meeting. In this connection he said "it seems to me that both the justification and explanation of the constitution will be contained in the report of the NEC."

MICKEY LIMA said that the time must come when the Party will be working side by side with masses of people who are not necessarily Communists and that this will be necessary in order to achieve Socialism.

WILLIAM ALBERTSON stated that a rededication of the Party is vitally needed and it is necessary to reword the constitution in order to legalize the correct concepts. He said that the constitution, as it stands, says a great deal too much. He continued that there is a programmatic question in almost every section and he would favor writing a new, simple, short as possible, but long as necessary, constitution.

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JAMES JACKSON felt that the approach to changing the constitution should be to written phrases which are a fundamental identification with the past, but do away with the material which is wrong. He said that some of the honest formulations which went into this constitution should be used in the final formulations at the convention. He favored the restoration of the concept of general officers and said that the constitution should call for a chairman and a vice chairman, a secretary and a general secretary.

CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT pointed out that changes in international affairs which have taken place during the period of 1948 to 1959, should be borne in mind in connection with the discussion.

IRVING POTASH agreed with LIGHTFOOT noting that these changing factors must be considered in making additions and deletions to the constitution.

BEN DAVIS commented that revisionism had a tremendous hold on the Party at the 16th Convention and that action at that time had been taken in the light of the necessity of saving the Party. He said that errors made were caused by the impact of revisionism and the Party must now rebuild itself and move again in the direction of trying to achieve the dictatorship of the Proletariat. He continued that there should be no striving for regimentation, but opportunity should be given for independent thinking. He then mentioned Democratic Centralism and said that this term should actually be used in the constitution and there should be a section stating what it is. He noted that the preamble in the existing constitution says that the CP struggles for complete destruction of fascism. He commented that the preamble must also say "we are in an uncompromising fight to destroy imperialism."

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GUS HALL pointed out that the constitution is not a programmatic document and should, therefore, be written in clear and concise language. He said that the basic questions should be handled in "the American language and the American way." He said that he anticipated there would be another discussion when the new draft has been completed.

HY LUMER suggested that the constitution can best be changed by redrafting it in its entirety.

ANTON KRCHMAREK said that he felt there are other important questions which must be presented to the next convention which overshadow the question under discussion. He commented that to present a new constitution to the membership at this time is unrealistic.

ARNOLD JOHNSON said that no attempt should be made to completely avoid the use of language customarily used in the CP movement.

JACK STACHEL said that the approach to changes in the constitution must be based on:

1. What is needed for the Party, and
2. What is acceptable to the membership.

EUGENE DENNIS suggested that reasons for major changes be based on the experiences of the Party, bearing in mind the necessity of unity of the membership. He said "there is a need to state very simply what the hell we are and what we stand for." He continued that he did not think it would be difficult to shorten the preamble. He proposed that in view of experiences in past years there be a very short one or two page statement or resolution written by the Resolution Committee concerning

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the changes of the constitution. He then made a formal motion that the committee be authorized to proceed on the basis of the consensus of the discussion and "submit within two weeks to the members of the NEC a written draft.....when they get their copy to express in written form their concrete amendments." He said that after the NEC goes over the second draft it will be mimeographed and sent to all members of the NC.

CARL WINTER felt that the National Convention should elect the full national leadership to the Party, but that provision should also be made in the constitution whereby guarantees should be made that a committee elected is representative of all districts. He said that there should be a constitutional provision that nominations made at the National Convention by delegates from the states are an expression of the view's of the state's convention's.

Following WINTER's comments, DENNIS called for agreement on his motion and there were no objections.

The next point on the agenda was a summary review of the economic situation given by HY LUMER. In the main, LUMER discussed production figures and cited statistics from public sources.

Following LUMER's report, there was a question and answer period. DENNIS then spoke of the growing competition among the United States, West Germany, Japan, England, and Canada. He emphasized particularly the growing competition between West Germany and the United States stating that this should be carefully analyzed. He continued that he though it was still in the cards that there can be substantial East West trade despite the growing industrial might and competition of the Soviet Union.

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CARL WINTER remarked that when talking about chronically depressed areas in the country which are growing in number, the Party must consider exerting its greatest influence in these areas. He noted that the majority of individuals on picket lines or unemployed are Negroes, Mexicans, and Puerto Ricans, and that the Party must concentrate on these exploited people.

ARNOLD JOHNSON brought up the tax question and said that the Party should show where tax money is being wasted.

MORRIS CHILDS felt that the Party should point out the failures of capitalism and stress the importance of trade with the socialist world.

BEN DAVIS said that the Party should struggle to popularize socialist countries and begin talking about what America "will be like under socialism."

DENNIS called for acceptance of LUMER's report and there appeared to be no objection.

The first day's session adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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Second Day's Session 6/10/59

The second days' session, 6/10/59, opened with a discussion of a draft outline of the Negro Resolution by JAMES JACKSON. JACKSON observed that he was supposed to work on the outline during the night of 6/9/59, but had been side tracked by a problem which had come up in connection with Negro matters. He described the problem as being connected with his brother-in-law, whom he said was formerly a CP member but has since gone with the Ultra Left Faction as an Organizer. He said that his brother-in-law is active in the Philadelphia area working very hard on recruiting and has created some real problems for the Party in the South where he is currently making a tour. He characterized his brother-in-law as a "provocateur".

JACKSON said that the draft outline of the Negro Resolution will give a terse digest of conditions in the Party on the Negro question which can be read by both Party and non-Party people. He added that it will give problems and challenges to the readers. He noted that where serious discussion was held on the approach to the Negro question, there was general agreement, but where factional use was made of the question, there were areas of stubborn resistance. According to JACKSON, in Brooklyn and other areas, this question was used as "a jumping off point" to abuse and attack Party leadership.

Returning to his discussion of the resolution JACKSON noted that while in Southern California he had discussions with those who had presented serious objections to the resolution, and as a result of these discussions, agreement may have been reached. JACKSON then read the document. It stated in part that the Negroes have been struggling against deprivation of their rights. In the South they are fighting oppression.

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of the Jim Crow Laws and in the North they are fighting the "unprotection" of the laws. In each case they are seeking their basic freedoms. There has been a political, social, and ideological exploitation of the Negro. The capitalistic system has thwarted the Negro's needed public facilities such as parks, libraries, playgrounds, etc. This denial is the rule and not the exception in the South. Segregated communities provide profits to the "landlord leeches". The income of the Negro family is little less than one-half that of the white family.

JACKSON then took up a part of the outline which he said had not been as carefully formulated as the part previously read. He continued with the substance of this part which said, among other things, that the struggles of the Negro people was the task not of the Negro alone, but should be shouldered by the whole country. There is a oneness of purpose and the Negro people should be freed of all oppression and discrimination. The CP supports the Negro people's movement and should participate as the vanguard among the white masses. The Party combats chauvinism, rallies the masses, opposes discriminations, and seeks to replace capitalistic imperialism by Communism. The Negro people's movement advocates peaceful relations with the socialist countries. The cold war is the greatest handicap of freedom's goals.

JACKSON then took up the final section of the outline, noting that this section definitely needs more polishing. He said that it deals with the prospectus of socialism. This section states in part that the colonial movement in Asia has overcome centuries of oppression and has reached its climactic stage in this area. The socialist system should replace the capitalistic system in American life.

JACKSON concluded that in general, the outline is designed to do the following:

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1. Describe the situation and status of the Negro people from the standpoint of the main theoretical orientation that we have.

2. To indicate the major features of the Negro people's movement through education.

3. To indicate the main task and direction of the movement.

4. To indicate the role of the Party in this movement.

5. To indicate the relationship to and the promise of socialism to the Negro people.

CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT said that the document is weak in that, although it shows the oppression of the Negro of which he is already aware, it fails to show how he can alleviate his situation. LIGHTFOOT felt that the document should show the internal factors impeding the progress of the Negro liberation movement.

CARL WINTER agreed with LIGHTFOOT. He said that the document is a very eloquent appeal in the nature of a manifesto on the part of the American Negro Communist to the Negro people, but nevertheless the convention must do more. He continued that the Party as a whole must speak out against racism. It must challenge the prevailing white practices of chauvinism and combat the denial of Negro rights.

WILLIAM PATTERSON condemned the failure of the Federal Government to support supreme court decisions involving violations of the Federal Constitution. He said the document must show the effects of the two Party system on the Negro. He continued that a third party is necessary to combat the holding of the

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Negro in economic exploitation. He said that the two Party system makes it virtually impossible for the Negro and their allies to unite forces.

[redacted] stressed the need for mass action by the Party. He said the document should emphasize the responsibility of the Federal Government in upholding the Constitutional rights of the Negroes.

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GUS HALL thought that the document should bring out more of the problems of the Negro workers. He felt that a number of the points raised by the previous speakers critical of the document were not actually solid in that a careful reading of the document would show that the points were covered although not in the form of cliches as used by other speakers.

JACK STACHEL commented that in his opinion the Negro resolution is drawn in language that is both appealing and understandable; said in order for the Party to be effective, they should have close to 40% Negro membership.

BURT NELSON said that conditions in the State of Washington are as bad as the deep South with relation to the Negro and further that the Labor Movement in the country, as a whole, is turning its back on this situation.

BEN DAVIS, Jr. said that he would like for the Party in the future to deal with the question of tactics in the Negro people's movement; said that in NY there are a lot of factional overtones in the Negro areas, but it would be a mistake to classify all criticism of the National Committee resolution as factionally inspired. He said they must combat factionalism and deal with genuine criticism. DAVIS said that in NY they are having small meetings of three or four people rather than large meetings, in order to speak more informally, and to win the Negroes to fight for the JACKSON resolution. He said the resolution must have a clear political line of the Party and said that he agreed with the direction of the JACKSON resolution.

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ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN commented that activity should be directed toward Negro women and referred to the ghetto conditions in which the Negroes are forced to live.

IRVING POTASH stated that we should point to the relationship between the oppression of the Negroes and the persecution of the Communists and to state that Congress is responsible for both. He said the resolution should call on the Negro people generally to fight for the rights of Communists as they are fighting for their own rights.

MORRIS CHILDS stated that he had not heard of any opposition in Chicago to the National Committee resolution, but said they do want further discussion.

BILL ALBERTSON stated that the Party could not have any misunderstanding on the Negro question and that the Party position should not be misunderstood at the National Convention.

JAMES JACKSON stated that the Negro question appears in every facet of American life including trade union and political movements. He said the importance of the Negro movement must be stressed in the general political resolution. JACKSON said that it is the privilege of the CP to persuade the nation to undertake its responsibility in solving the Negro question in the US.

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NY 2359-3 advised that following recess break, 6/10/59, the Full National Executive Committee meeting resumed at 2:34 PM.

HY LUMER gave an outline of the draft of the NEC report which was divided as follows:

1. Introduction on political developments.
2. Section on political activity of the Party.
3. Section on work of the National Center.
4. Section on consolidation and growth of Party.
5. Section on the ideological struggle within the Party.
6. Conclusion.

LUMER then presented, under each heading from a prepared report, a review of significant developments and action taken by the Party in fields enumerated above. He cited the international situation, the peace question, civil rights, labor movement, etc. LUMER also mentioned the achievements of the Soviet Union in technological fields and the building of the seven year plan. LUMER said that the Party was weakened by internal dissension following the 16th convention, but that now the Party's participation in the mass struggle has increased to make itself felt on the American scene. LUMER commented that there were still many problems to be solved, however.

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GUSS HALL spoke and stated that the report by LUMER gives nothing to the Party and further that it will be an obstacle to the unification of our Party. He felt that it might be better if the National Committee were to give a report.

ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN stated that the report was factual and said that we either explain our battle against revisionism, or say that we are "incompetent." FLYNN commented that we have not done much to boast about and we have to explain why.

EUGENE DENNIS then spoke and outlined the main political resolution as follows:

1. Introduction.
2. International situation and American foreign policy.
3. The political and economic situation in the United States.
4. On the Party itself (this section to include in broad terms everything within the last two years).

Informant advised that DENNIS then referring to the NEC report given by HY LUMER said that whether we "scrap" it or not, he was in favor of a short resolution.

CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT said he did not think the NEC report should be given because it was not "geared" in the direction of how the Party line and policy had been applied. LIGHTFOOT then referred to the political resolution as outlined by DENNIS above, and expressed the thought that it should not be a "historical treatise." He thought the main resolution was not an internal document and said it should be directed to the non-Party masses. Regarding the character of the NEC report, LIGHTFOOT felt that it should answer how the Party will apply the vanguard role and what lessons can be drawn from its errors. He said one of the prerequisites was

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to build a militant left.

JAMES JACKSON stated that the NEC report was not a success and was of the opinion that the report was not needed because it opens the doors to "diversionary debate".

BEN DAVIS, Jr., stated that he did not like LUMER's report, but felt that a report of this type was necessary. He agreed with JACKSON that there was the danger of "diversionary debate," but felt that they must take the "calculated risk." He said the report offers us a serious opportunity to give an example of critical and self-critical leadership to the Party.

MICKEY LIMA stated that in one way or another the questions raised in the report should be dealt with and if that is avoided "you will open up more discussion." He said the report should be prepared in such a way that it would make valuable contributions to help the Party organize better to reach the masses.

JACK STACHEL stated that there should be a resolution report to the convention. He felt the problem could be met in an "org" report dealing with our experiences in mass work. He said that this kind of a report does not have to cover statistics. He commented that there should also be a policy report that would be more than an organizational report.

An individual believed to be BURT NELSON stated that the question has to be dealt with. He said we must move the Party forward, adding that what was needed was a united Party and commented that the Party did not know how to work collectively.

IRVING POTASH stated that we cannot take the report in this form. He said that what was needed was a general report and we have to speak for what is good for the Party.

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GUSS HALL spoke again and stated that a report to the convention should point out those things in the Party's work which raise the morale and spirit of the membership. He said the membership would be fearful of coming to the convention to hear the type of report which LUMBER gave.

ARNOLD JOHNSON stated that in addition to the general resolution there has to be a general report but it should not try to cover everything. He said the report should cover the tasks which the Party faces and this requires some analysis of the problem. He said the problem of building the Party must be "tackled" at the convention and further the question of revisionism and its effect on building the Party must also be discussed.

ANTON KRCHMARCK stated that a report is necessary so that the convention can deal properly with the problems facing the Party particularly with regard to the ideological questions. He said he is opposed to the report as it is at the present time.

HY LUMER stated that a discussion was necessary at the convention in order to explain to the membership the mass work of the Party. He said some of the membership are still trying to figure out what has been happening in the Party and that a discussion would enable the membership to realize its energies and move forward in the task of building the Party.

EUGENE DENNIS said that they must find some means of presenting to the Party during the pre-convention discussion that which deals with the questions and lessons of the past two years. He said there should be a resolution on the building and strengthening of the Party and the resolution should deal with how the Party exercises its vanguard role.

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HY LUMER then remarked that the report was a product of haste and that he and JACK (STACHEL?) set for themselves an impossible task. He said he was not in favor of a draft resolution as a substitute for a report.

BEN DAVIS Jr., also commented regarding the proposal of a draft resolution as a substitute for a report to the convention. He commented "on the basis of a bad report you are undermining a good decision." Informant advised that a vote was then taken on the resolution for building and strengthening the Party however the informant was unable to furnish the results of this vote.

PHIL BART then mentioned the National Convention dates as being December 10 through 13 1959 to be held at New York City. He stated that district conventions should be held at least two weeks prior to the National Convention and that delegates of the district conventions be authorized to act on all questions before the National Convention.

Meeting adjourned until 12:30 PM, 6/11/59.

Third Day's Session - 6/11/59

NY 2359-S* advised that the third day's session of the Full NEC CPUSA meeting began at 12:42 PM, 6/11/59.

NY 2359-S advised that EUGENE DENNIS opened the meeting and stated that ANTON KRCHMAREK had to leave at two o'clock. DENNIS then made reference to the political issues of current interest

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to the Party, which included the uncertain outlook for the foreign ministers' conference, civil rights, peace, the issue of unemployment, the Kennedy Labor Reform Bill, and the Presidential contest of 1960. DENNIS pointed out that there has been a further growth in many areas of the country of independent political action.

BURT NELSON commented that he would not argue against an independent "peace Presidential condidate, but the Party must guard against being placed in the position of being a "hidden sponsor."

ANTON KRCHMAREK stated that in connection with 1960, he can see the bourgeois leaders making efforts to appear liberal. He specifically mentioned ROCKEFELLER and HARRIMAN and stated this business of going to the Soviet Union is part of this whole thing and is building up some of these bourgeois top ruling class figures in order to divert and to capitalize on the feeling among the people. KRCHMAREK stated that the people are not happy over EISENHOWER'S refusal to deal with the Russians and the left and the tactics of the bourgeois leadership are intended to give the impression of strength which EISENHOWER lacks.

JACK STACHEL stated that he was of the opinion that the Party's election policy has to be re-constituted. The Party has to sharpen up its line from the point of view it will call not only on the Democratic Party but will call on the Labor Movement and Negro people. First the Party has to have a line and then popularize it from one end of the country to the other.

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BEN DAVIS, Jr., said the Party should pay more attention to the politics of how it is going to win an electoral place for itself. In NY a way should be found to call together the chief forces in the ISP, isolate the Trotskyites, and bring together all the left forces in all states, if possible. Party people who have electoral possibilities should be brought together. DAVIS commented there are lots of people in the NEC who are natural political leaders like CARL (WINTER) and ARNOLD (JOHNSON).

An unidentified individual stated we need to threat of the Democratic Party such as can only be presented by the labor and Negro forces. The special role of the Party is to convert this potential power (labor and Negro forces) into a movement to defeat the Democratic Party. An open and pullic effort can be made to win over labor and the Negro forces. Ways and means must be found of applying legal forms in such a manner that many people will accept the Party as a real organization functioning through legal channels and participating in elections openly.

ARNOLD JOHNSON said the party should try to influence the election of "Peace candidates" in congressional elections. It is not good policy for the CP to have candidates in New York alone and not in a number of other states. The Party should start now and move into the primaries in order to influence the candidates right down the line.

JAMES JACKSON described the Democratic Party as a party of contradictions in that it is made up of Dixiecrats, labor, and the Negroes. He felt that this being true the Democratic Party can and should be influenced since this is the party from which the next President will be chosen.

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CARL WINTER remarked that the Party should define what is meant by independent political action. He added that the Party is not providing a home for all "detached liberals and do-gooders." The Party has failed to make it clear that there is a home for those people in existing mass organizations. Independent political action provides for an alliance between such groups. Independent political action calls for a revival of groups that can be banded together in an alliance. The Negro people and trade unionists are moving in the proper direction but are still not rounded in the struggle for peace. Regarding CP candidates, the Party role in the election does not rest on whether "we do or do not have Party candidates." The party candidates for some time to come will be the exception rather than the rule.

EUGENE DENNIS summarized by saying that the issue of peace should become a real factor in the election. He said the Democrats are going to have to choose between Senator EASTLAND and the Trade Unions or between EASTLAND and the Negroes.

Meeting adjourned 3:05 PM.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)

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SAC, CHICAGO (100-33741)

COMMUNIST PARTY - USA
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CG 5824-S*, on July 6, 1959, made available to SA JOHN E. KEATING, for photostating, a letter and an enclosure to the letter. The letter is dated June 30, 1959, is addressed "To All NEC Members", and is signed "Phil Bart, Nat'l. Organizational Sec'y." The following is the complete text of the letter:

"Enclosed herewith is the draft of the Constitution. In accordance with the decision at the last meeting of the N.E.C., you are requested to make recommendations for amendments or changes and send them to the National Office within ten days or no later than Friday, July 10.

"We would appreciate your utmost cooperation."

There is enclosed herewith to the Bureau and to the New York Division one copy of the draft of the Constitution for the Communist Party - USA. The Chicago copy of the letter and the draft Constitution are located in Chicago file 100-33741-1B3 (95).

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Description of info Info re PHIL BART & [redacted]
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Date received 6/17/59

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Received by SAS JOHN A. HAAG (NY and VINCENT E. MURPHY, Newark (oral)

Original location [redacted]

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Information received from informant, as set forth above, was reduced to writing by SA HAAG on 6/18/59, and authenticated by informant on 6/24/59.

A copy of informant's report follows:

- 1 - NY [redacted] (Inv) (41)
- 1 - NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART) (422)
- 1 - NY [redacted] (416)
- 1 - NY [redacted] (422)
- 1 - NY 100- [redacted] (422)
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On [] PHIL BART of the national office of the CPUSA stated that he had received reports of the distribution of a six page pamphlet entitled "Is The Communist Party, USA, In Its Present Form The Proper Organization To Bring Socialism To America?", from Providence, R.I. and N.Y.C.

[] also stated that the Party had received reports of a considerable amount of this literature throughout N.Y.C. He said it is so crude that although they (CP) would like to blame it on the right wing, they are of the conclusion it is from the F.B.I. for agitational purposes. b7D

Secondly, [] if it were anyone outside or inside the Party, it in all probability would be that "slimey" crowd from Brooklyn, [] and others who would try to cause all the trouble they could, but would not use the approach used in this pamphlet. They would not try to reach people inside the Party or try to influence them with a collection of arguments given by people who have quit the Party and who have stated that there is no room in this country for the CP.

It was also pointed out that this must be an F.B.I. pamphlet because only the FBI would know the names and addresses of such a widely separated group as those to whom this pamphlet was sent.

It is the conclusion of the national office of the CPUSA that this pamphlet was sent out by the F.B.I.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-33741)
SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY - USA
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INTERNAL SECURITY - C

DATE: 7/9/59

CG 5824-S*, on July 6, 1959, made available to SA JOHN E. KEATING, for photostating, two items which had been received through the mailing channels of the National Office of the Communist Party - USA.

One of these items is a mimeographed letter dated June 30, 1959, addressed "To All National Committee Members", and signed "Phil Bart, National Org. Secretary". This letter states in part:

"This is the final reminder that the next meeting of the National Committee will be held Saturday and Sunday, July 25 and 26. In a previous communication we also indicated that the meeting may have to be extended an additional day to complete all business.

"The main order of business for the meeting are the various documents which the National Committee will present for discussion to the membership for the convention....."

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- 5 - New York (Encls. 2) (REGISTERED)
 - (1 - 100-80641) (CP-USA, Organization)
 - (1 - 100-128821) (CP-USA, New York District, Factionalism)
 - (1 - 100-128814) (CP-USA, New York District, Organization)
 - (1 - 100-56579) (PHIL BART)
 - (1 - 100-52959) (CHARLES LOMAN)
- 2 - Chicago
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The following appears in the letter as a postscript:

"We are enclosing a statement issued by the New York District regarding Charles Loman, who is a member of their district committee and also a member of our National Committee."

There are enclosed herewith to the Bureau and to the New York Division one copy of the letter signed by BART and the five-page statement on CHARLES LOMAN. The Chicago copies are located in Chicago file 100-33741-1B3 (96).

The following paragraph appears at the top of page #5 of the statement on LOMAN:

"In view of Comrade Loman's continued defiance and violation of State Committee decisions, we deem it necessary to recommend his immediate removal from the State Board and State Committee."

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TO : SAC, CHICAGO

DATE: 7/9/59

FROM : SAC, NY (100-80641)

SUBJECT: CPUSA-ORGANIZATION
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On 6/5/59, NY 2379-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, reported that PHIL and CONNIE BART visited the apartment of ELIZABETH and KATHY FLYNN, 224 East 12th Street, NYC.

- 4 - Chicago (100-80641)(RM)
 - (1- MORRIS CHILDS)
 - (1- FRED FINE)
- 1 - Newark (PAT TOOHEY)(RM)
- ① - NY (100-56579)(PHIL BART)(415)
- 1 - NY (100-12959)(CONNIE BART)(415)
- 1 - NY (100-1696)(ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN)(415)
- 1 - NY (100-68111)(KATHY FLYNN)(424)
- 1 - NY (100-15946)(JIM TORMEY)(424)
- 1 - NY (100-13483)(BETTY GANNETT)(416)
- 1 - NY (100-26603-C43)(KINGS COUNTY CP)(422)
- 1 - NY (100-129802)(CP COUNTERINTELLIGENCE)(415)
- 1 - NY (100-8057)(EUGENE DENNIS)(415)
- 1 - NY [redacted](415)
- 1 - NY (100-9595)(WILLIAM WEINSTONE)(416)
- 1 - NY (100-21421)(ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG)(415)
- 1 - NY (100-54965)(JOHN ABT)(425)
- 1 - NY (100-50090)(SID STEIN)(424)
- 1 - NY (100-91418)(JUNIUS SCALES)(425)
- 1 - NY (100-80641)

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The BARTS and ELIZABETH entered into a discussion regarding various CP matters and personalities including the fact that JIM TORMEY and BETTY GANNETT are presently working so hard for the CP. PHIL BART and ELIZABETH then discussed the organization of the Party in regard to holding offices and PHIL noted that if a person has a title in the Party he carries certain stripes (prestige) to which CONNIE BART added that if a person does not have a title he is "in the gutter."~~Q~~

ELIZABETH then inquired of CONNIE how things were progressing in Brooklyn, and CONNIE replied that some of the people have been brought back (into the Party) and that it is beginning to be a lively organization. She continued that there was one club that had no organization, and that another club was completely disorganized, so her idea was to bring these people who are coming back into the Party into the clubs where there already is a core of leaders, and that they will then be broken up into two or three clubs as growing organizations. ELIZABETH indicated at this point that BETTY GANNETT had told her what a good job CONNIE was doing in Brooklyn.~~Q~~

PHIL then mentioned that they had received a six-page letter that week, mimeographed "pre-convention discussion" which included quotations from JOE STAROBIN, JOE CLARK, HOWARD FAST, and JOHN GATES (this pamphlet was sent to various CP functionaries by the NYO under the CP Counter-Intelligence Program). PHIL said that in his opinion, this pamphlet could either have been sent by a right or left wing group seeking to be provocative and trying to create suspicion in the Party. He noted that they will have to be very careful of these publications.~~Q~~

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Concerning the recruiting of former members of the Party, PHIL said that an atmosphere will have to be created in the organization where they will feel they can come back and will be accepted. ELIZABETH agreed, adding that such people should not feel that they will only be second class members. ~~ⓧ~~

Regarding certain CP leaders, ELIZABETH said that the trouble with GENE DENNIS is that he makes speech after speech using the same words and that his language is hard for a layman to understand. The BARTS agreed. PHIL then recalled that when he worked in Chicago and Indianapolis he felt that he really showed his leadership ability. PHIL also mentioned that he told [redacted] that he is badly needed in the organization and should not take an assignment in that other field (NAACP). ELIZABETH agreed saying that [redacted] should not take anything public and that if he is put into a united front movement for five years they would never get him back. PHIL then commented that the CP is drying up its sources for leaders and that they do not have a mass movement today like they did when the CPUSA was developed. ELIZABETH said that as far as the present leadership is concerned she can name a half dozen or so who should be put on the shelf including WILLIAM WEINSTONE, ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG, PAT TOOHEY, and MORRIS CHILDS, who she described as pitiful. They then discussed the CP constitution and the forthcoming National Convention. ELIZABETH said she went over the old constitution paragraph by paragraph and that it is important they do not leave a lot of legal loopholes. She suggested retaining JOHN ABT to study the matter and also mentioned that they are going to change parts of the constitution that have been found to be unworkable, like the method of electing members to the National Committee. ~~ⓧ~~

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She said that in this respect, GENE DENNIS had been right and added that SID STEIN, FRED FINE and that gang wrote the previous constitution to try to "break us up." ~~C~~

They then went on to discuss the costs of financing the transportation of delegates to the National Convention noting that there will probably be nine from California, one from Seattle, and possibly one from Portland, which would mean a total of eleven at a cost of some \$300.00 per person. PHIL said that the NEC should be a resident committee and not made up of so many people from different parts of the country. He feels that if a comrade has an important position in the Party that he should be elected regardless of where he comes from and not just because he is from a different section than New York. ~~C~~

The move to Chicago of CP Headquarters was also discussed and PHIL BART said that the trouble is "we operate in a way that has no relationship to reality." ELIZABETH agreed. PHIL said that GENE DENNIS had approached him in 1945 about his thoughts on a possible move to Chicago. PHIL said that at the time he had just come in from Chicago and agreed that it would have been a good move because they had a location and the Party was strong, but that now he does not think they should move because of financial reasons although he thinks they will have to move eventually. PHIL noted that they are having trouble getting a convention site, that they have checked a dozen places, and the only one they have been able to come up with is the one place he does not like, namely, Academy Hall, because it would be on the 10th floor. ~~C~~

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PHIL said he hopes to get Manhattan Towers for the Wednesday night which would be an open session where the public and TV will be welcomed. He said his biggest worry about securing a site is that the management might want to pull out about a week before the convention. ELIZABETH inquired whether Academy Hall is safe and PHIL replied that he thinks it is because they need the business. ELIZABETH asked whether they had tried the Community Church and PHIL said that walking into a basement of a church for the convention would be as bad as walking into a Zionist hall.

PHIL said he hopes the size of the delegations will be small, emphasizing quality rather than quantity, and that he feels that will cut down the chance of a factionalist fight. ELIZABETH objected to the idea of holding the convention on Thanksgiving Day and PHIL indicated that they are trying to change the date, that it had been GENE'S idea to hold it on Thanksgiving Day because the delegates that hold jobs would not lose a day's pay. PHIL indicated that he is in favor of postponing it one week.

They then discussed the JUNIUS SCALES case and the fact that the Party should give support to it because the results will affect similar cases in the future. PHIL suggested that even though SCALES has left the Party that perhaps it would be wise to give him some publicity in "The Worker" and have someone like ELIZABETH talk to him.

The discussion then turned to various religions and the ideologies connected with them. PHIL BART mentioned that the work "Christ" was not permitted in his house when he was young and that in his family you were supposed to spit at churches when you went by.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-63)
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-74560)
SUBJECT: CP, USA - FUNDS
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DATE: 7/13/59

On June 25, 1959, NY 2002-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available to the NYO information concerning the payroll of the CP, USA National Office during the weeks ending June 5, 1959 - June 19, 1959. The following persons were on this payroll and received wages at the rates indicated:

- 2 - Bureau (100-3-63) (RM)
- 1 - Cleveland (100-421) (GUS HALL) (RM)
- 1 - New York (100-8057) (EUGENE DENNIS) (415)
- ① - New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-70281) (G. DALY) (424)
- 1 - New York (100-9360) (W. Z. FOSTER) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-84994) (GUS HALL) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-16021) (ARNOLD JOHNSON) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-16785) (JAMES E. JACKSON) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-105078) (HY LUMER) (415)
- 1 - New York [REDACTED] (422)
- 1 - New York (100-67234) (RUPH SHULMAN) (425)
- 1 - New York (100-111666) (JACK SHULMAN) (425)
- 1 - New York (100-82206) (WILLIAM STANLEY) (425)
- 1 - New York (100-74560)

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<u>NAME OF EMPLOYEE</u>	<u>GROSS WEEKLY WAGE</u>
EUGENE DENNIS	\$90.00
PHILIP BART	✓ 85.00
GERALD DALY	35.00
WILLIAM Z. FOSTER	90.00
GUS HALL*	90.00
JAMES E. JACKSON	90.00
ARNOLD S. JOHNSON	85.00
HY LUMER	90.00
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RUTH SHULMAN	75.00
JACK SHULMAN	90.00
WILLIAM STANLEY	85.00

* Entered on payroll week ending June 12, 1959.

If the above information is to be used in reports disseminated outside the Bureau, it should be appropriately paraphrased to protect the identity of NY 2002-S*.

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-56579)

DATE: 7/11/59

FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (100-11670)

SUBJECT: PHILIP BART
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Re NY airtel to Chicago 6/26/59.

On 7/9/59, MI 243-S* who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that PHILIP BART on that date contacted FRED BLAIR, Chairman CP of Wisconsin, and advised BLAIR that he could not make it to Milwaukee during this trip.

In view of the above this case is being RUC'd.

2-New York (100-56579) (RM)
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TO : SAC, BOSTON (100-12464)
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641)(415)
SUBJECT: CP, USA, ORGANIZATION
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DATE: 7/13/59

Identity of source [redacted] who has furnished reliable info in past (conceal)
Description of info Info re meeting of CPUSA Committee on Constitution held [redacted]
Date received 6/17/59
Received by SAS JOHN A. HAAG, NYO and VINCENT E. MURPHY, Newark (oral)
Original location [redacted]

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Utmost care must be used in handling and reporting the following info in order to protect the identity of informant.

Information received from informant, as set forth above, was reduced to writing by SA HAAG on 6/18/59, and authenticated by informant on 6/24/59.

A copy of informant's report follows:

- 3 - Boston (100-12464)(Info)(RM)
 - (1 - 100-) (HOMER CHASE)
 - (1 - 100-) (ROBERT GOODWIN)
- 2 - Milwaukee (100-) (CP, USA, Org.)(Info)(RM)
 - (1 - 100-11125) (ALAN SHAW)
- 3 - Newark (100-4284)(Info)(RM)
 - (1 - 100-19491) (PAT TOOHEY)
 - (1 - [redacted])
- 1 - NY [redacted] (Inv) (41)
- ① - NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART) (422)
- 1 - NY 100-26018 (LOUIS WEINSTOCK) (415)
- 1 - NY 100-129629 (WILLIAM ALBERTSON) (416)
- 1 - NY 100- (AGNES LNU, N,F, from Bedford-Stuyvesant Section of Bklyn, on Constitution Committee, per [redacted] (412))
- 1 - NY 100-74560 (CP, USA, Funds.) (415)
- 1 - NY 100-80641 (415)

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On [redacted] a meeting of the [redacted] [redacted] was held at CPUSA headquarters. Those present were: PHIL BART, LOUIS WEINSTOCK, PAT TOOHEY, WILLIAM ALBERTSON and one AGNES, a Negro female from the Bedford-Stuyvesant Section of Brooklyn.

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At this meeting PHIL BART [redacted] [redacted] which changes had been tentatively approved by the National Executive Committee at its [redacted] This document covered only the [redacted] The [redacted] will be left until last since they involve theoretical considerations and general beliefs.

TOOHEY, in the discussion, pointed out that the present CP Constitution obliges every member of the Party to be a member of a trade union. He said he was against this because it gives people the idea that the CP infiltrates trade unions.

All agreed to TOOHEY's proposal except WEINSTOCK who insisted that it be included in the new constitution. It was therefore left pending.

The meeting continued in a disorganized fashion. The committee skipped around, picking first one item then another for discussion, without coming to a conclusion on any one point.

It was suggested that they commence the actual writing of the new constitution. For this purpose two sub-committees were set up. BART and TOOHEY on one subcommittee will be in charge of the drafting of the part of the constitution which deals with democratic centralism, leadership, authority - all the questions on how the Party shall work.

ALBERTSON, WEINSTOCK and AGNES on the other sub-committee will draft all parts of the constitution dealing with what the Party is, its aims, purposes and objectives.

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These [redacted] must be finished by [redacted] when the [redacted] will meet to [redacted] discuss it further, polish it up and submit it to the N.E.C. which will cause it to be distributed to all members of the National Committee. All this must be done quickly to allow the NC members to study the constitution carefully before the July meeting of the N.C.

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In general there will be no highly controversial points. There is however the left sectarian pressure of WEINSTOCK who wants old fashioned clauses in the constitution. He wants a reinstatement of the control committee and the disciplinary procedures of the past.

He also wanted an auditing committee keeping centralized records of Party finances. He referred to reckless handling of Party money, particularly the incident involving CHARLIE LOMAN (alleged to be) \$250,000 controlled by him in Brooklyn.

BART argued that inasmuch as the Party is in need of a control or check on finances it is faced with the problem of putting clauses in the constitution which would be useful to the enemy in prosecuting the Party.

He related that when he was called before a congressional committee some time ago, he was pressed for figures on finances on all levels of the Party. He was able to say honestly that he did not have such figures because they were handled locally, that there was no central control or record of Party finances. If such a clause is put in the constitution and if he is subpoenaed again, it can be pointed out that the constitution calls for these damaging figures.

WEINSTOCK was impressed with this argument but stated that a way must be found to give the NC the right to audit the financial accounts of subordinate groups such as state committees and the like.

All present agreed to this in principal but that a lawyer must be consulted on how to phrase this so that it won't

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open the door to the government in proving the membership clause of the Smith Act.

In all probability an attorney will be present at the

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In the discussion on the changes in method of electing NC members from the present method of 1/3 of NC by the convention and 2/3 by the districts to all NC members being elected by the convention, BART was highly in favor of this change. To illustrate the inadequacy of the present method BART said that the districts are changing their N.C. members almost at will. He said he had been to Providence, R.I., recently and while there he learned that HOMER CHASE has replaced ROBERT GOODWIN on the N.C. He said he also heard that the Wisconsin CP chairman was or will be released and that the Wisconsin CP will send someone to take his place at the next NC meeting. It was gathered from this that ALAN SHAW is being replaced.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100-109560)(12-12)

Date: JUL 13 1959

FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN (100-16996)

RE: [REDACTED]
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On 6/29/59, a written report was received by SA THURL STALNAKER from [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past. This report is the informant's account of a CP meeting held in Brooklyn, New York, on [REDACTED]. The informant's report is located in New Haven file [REDACTED].

The report is set forth as follows:

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"I met [REDACTED] in Grand Central Terminal, N.Y.C., N.Y. at 5:15 PM on this date. He had taken the 1 PM train from Boston which I boarded in New Haven.

"I called [REDACTED] as pre-arranged, as soon as we arrived. He advised he would meet us at 6:15 PM at 42nd St. and 2nd Avenue.

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1-(100-[REDACTED]) (1-100- PHIL BART)
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"We ate in a Chinese restaurant on Lower 2nd Avenue. Here he informed us we were going to meet at [redacted] house on Park Place, in Brooklyn. We drove there and met with [redacted] joined the meeting.

[redacted] is the Negro [redacted] on the Pennsylvania railroad who was at previous meetings and identified only as [redacted]. He is still active in the CP and in the [redacted]. He also stated he held some office in the NAACP... He also stated he was to be [redacted] to the next NAACP national convention. He does 'Home improvement' work as a side line in addition to working on the railroad. He lives at [redacted] N.J. Telephone Swarthmore 5-0118. He did not mention marital status.

"At the meeting, [redacted] of the New Haven meeting held concerning the [redacted]. That was attended by me and other national members of the Brotherhood who represent [redacted] who is an [redacted] of the BRT. [redacted] with the program we had [redacted] at the last CP [redacted]. They were very pleased that the [redacted] had accepted all but one of the proposals they advocated.

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[redacted] gave an account of the happenings at the recent convention of the Brotherhood of Railroad Clerks (BRC) in Milwaukee. [redacted] was there and [redacted] to the convention concerning [redacted] of [redacted] of the BRC in declaring [redacted] therein since he [redacted]. [redacted] said he received varied and enthusiastic support from many delegates concerning the effect of the ruling. He said [redacted] made many contacts [redacted] in both the U.S. and Canada. However, when it came time to vote, the [redacted] as [redacted] had done nothing wrong except to invoke a little known and never used section of the constitution to prevent him from attaining office. They feel they scored a victory with the delegates as they showed this section of the constitution could be used against anyone and the delegates did take action to modify same. [redacted] feels this will be a major point in the court fight they have going

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"in [redacted] behalf, in N.Y.C. He also stated that [redacted] made many friends amongst the Negro delegates there.

[redacted] brought out the fact that Phil Bart had been named [redacted]. He said Phil had paid a visit to Boston and had stayed for some time at his home. [redacted] said he was there one day when [redacted] arrived. He was sleeping and waiting for [redacted]. [redacted] said he had a three hour talk with him. Said he got the impression that Phil was in no way interested in railroad work. Certainly not one iota as much as [redacted] professed to be. He also reported that Phil's trip there was to check on 'the New England situation'. No one knew what the situation was alleged to be, but, this item did appear on the [redacted] meeting of the national officers of the CP. [redacted] Phil wanted [redacted]. He did not mention anyone as a replacement, but, neither [redacted].

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[redacted] saying he had recently made some [redacted]. He did not elaborate as he could not remember what it was. He suggested that [redacted] get after some of the national officers and request that they send an organizer to Connecticut and get something going here. [redacted] would be willing to come if he was authorized. However, with the 'situation' as it is, there is no likelihood [redacted] here in New Haven.

[redacted] in Chicago. He said he had asked him to try and activate the people in the CP there and get them to cooperate with the New York group. He had received no answer as yet [redacted].

[redacted] he had [redacted] concerning the report of the nation, conference held in Chicago in Sept. 1958 of the railroad CP group. He tried again to have the Chicago group agreed to not pressing so hard to have their report accepted as the national program and report. [redacted] appeared fairly friendly to this suggestion and promised he would take it up in Chicago when he returned.

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"He did and word was brought back [redacted] that a meeting was held, including [redacted] and they re-affirmed the former stand the group took on the report. [redacted] we should take a stand against the report. I commented we could take no stand for or against as we had not the time or opportunity to study the report. [redacted] he had only one copy and said he would send it to me for forwarding to [redacted]. He also [redacted] brought back word that the Chicago group did not want anyone from New York running around their area bothering the members and prospective members that they had. At this point, [redacted] that if there ever again was a need for anyone to go to Chicago, it should be [redacted] as he thought the group there liked [redacted] agreed he would represent the group there at some future date, [redacted].

[redacted] that the Chicago group has been making excuses to delay any conference being held there. They now have some legitimate excuse of their leaders being out of town and union elections, [redacted] will delay any meeting to late Sept. or October, 1959 at the earliest.

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[redacted] reported that [redacted] of the BRT. Said it is a large membership Lodge. Said he goes to all the meetings but holds no office. Said that all the officers and members of his lodge were advocates of a convention being held by the BRT. [redacted] asked him if he would introduce a resolution into the lodge regarding asking Pres. Kennedy's permission to circularize the lodges on this issue. He said he would but had no facilities nor knowledge of writing same. I agreed to do it for him, whereon he gave me his business card for his address.

[redacted] (as did [redacted] that the CP railroad group had lost members in the NY area due to lay-offs. He said he was starting after some of them to get them back into the party. Said he had already been successful with one of them.

[redacted] is going to have a conference held that will have representatives of as many of the transportation unions that he

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is able to have attend. [redacted] and felt sure he would accomplish this. [redacted] was active in the recent strike of Tugboat Oilers in NYC. They work for the various railroads in that area. Said the cituation paralleled the plight of the firemen on the railroads and said that the court decision in this case could well lead to the railroads having the right to throw the firemen out of work anytime they so desired.

[redacted] said he is going to NY again after the first of July to visit the Russian exhibition in the Coliseum. [redacted] was glad to hear that and asked that [redacted] him on his arrival. They made no special date.

[redacted] regarding my visit to England. He did not mention that [redacted] had any particular assignment in England. He said [redacted] would give me a letter of introduction to [redacted] in England. I had to tell him the departure date had been changed to August 31, 1959. He said we had plenty of time to get the letter and would get it sometime in August. He asked me 'Is that alright.' I said that was fine.

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"I gave [redacted] toward the Party Fund Drive. [redacted] was pleased with this. He told me to give it to [redacted] as he [redacted] I told them I would give them the other ten at the next meeting.

[redacted] he would contact me concerning the next meeting and that I in turn would contact [redacted] We all agreed it would be a Wednesday night as that is a free night for [redacted] to get down from Boston. Also we suggested it be held in New Haven.

[redacted] all the material submitted to him for the article in the Worker about the B.R.T. has been compiled and will appear in the paper no later than the tenth of July. He said they are still pondering whether to send out the entire paper to the BRT membership or print a supplement to be mailed. The consensus was that the article was not big enough to warrant a supplement. [redacted] he was very pleased with the submission I made."

OFFICE MEMORANDUM ** UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-33741)
SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY - USA
ORGANIZATION
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

DATE: 7/14/59

CARE SHOULD BE USED IN HANDLING AND REPORTING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE IDENTITY OF A HIGHLY PLACED INFORMANT.

CG 5824-S*, on July 10, 1959, orally furnished to SA JOHN E. KEATING the information on the following page. This oral information was reduced to writing on July 14, 1959. The Chicago Division will make arrangements for coverage of the meeting referred to by CG 5824-S*.

- 2 - Bureau (REGISTERED)
- 1 - Cleveland (100-421) (GUS HALL) (REGISTERED)
- 3 - New York (REGISTERED)
 - (1 - 100-80641) (CP-USA, Organization)
 - (1 - 100-56579) (PHIL BART)
 - (1 - 100-8057) (EUGENE DENNIS)
- 2 - Chicago
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PHIL BART, National Organization Secretary of the Communist Party - USA, stated during the week of July 5, 1959, that a Midwest Communist Party Conference is scheduled to be held in Chicago on August 9, 1959. BART stated that GUS HALL is scheduled to attend this conference; however, HALL will not remain in Chicago after the conference. BART said that EUGENE DENNIS wants HALL to remain in New York City while DENNIS is on vacation during August, 1959.

SAC, Milwaukee (100-42-1)

July 14, 1959

SA RUSSELL D. JONES

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On July 9, 1959, MI-243-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that PHIL BART who was then visiting in Chicago contacted FRED BLAIR, Chairman, CP of Wisconsin, and advised that unless it was absolutely necessary for BART to come to Milwaukee he would not appear. BLAIR stated that he had called a group of people together for a meeting on Thursday, July 9, 1959, but that he could call them and tell them no meeting would be held. BART expressed his desires to see BLAIR in New York in the near future, but BLAIR stated that he doubted he would in that he would rather save the expenses of that trip and put it into the fund drive.

Informant advised that FRED BLAIR had recently been in Chicago, Illinois to discuss a "touchy situation" with MORRIS CHILDS. BLAIR felt that he would like to discuss this situation further with BART.

Informant advised that FRED BLAIR after learning that BART was not coming to Milwaukee, contacted the following persons to tell them there would be no meeting held on Thursday evening: MARY BLAIR, AL SHAW, SIGMUND EISENSCHER, JOHN GILMAN and DOUG McCAIN.

- 1 - Chicago (MORRIS CHILDS)
- 1 - New York (PHIL BART)
- 1 - 100-3 (SIG EISENSCHER)
- 1 - 100-4 (FRED BLAIR)
- 1 - 100-40 (DOUG McCAIN)
- 1 - 100-6691 (MARY BLAIR)
- 1 - 100-10213 (JOHN GILMAN)
- 1 - 100-11125 (AL SHAW)

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 - (1 - 100-12959) (CONNIE BART)
 - ~~(1 - 100-56579) (PHIL BART)~~
 - (1 - 100-23825) (BENJAMIN DAVIS, JR.)
 - (1 - 100-8057) (EUGENE DENNIS)
 - (1 - 100-9365) (WILLIAM Z. FOSTER)
- 2 - Chicago
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During the week of July 5, 1959, PHIL BART, National Organization Secretary of the Communist Party - USA, and his wife, CONNIE BART, reflected in various conversations that they are worried that the leadership of the Communist Party - USA may utilize the services of PHIL BART during the pre-Convention period and then discard him at the National Convention by not electing him to the National Committee. BART indicated that he is interested in formal recognition of his work for the Party during the present period. Thus, he is fighting for that group led by EUGENE DENNIS, since the FOSTER-DAVIS forces would not be in favor of adding him to the National Committee.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM ** UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-89)
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-33756)
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 - (1 - 100-56579) (PHIL BART)
- 5 - Chicago
 - (1 - A/134-46)
 - (1 - 100-19431) (CP-USA, Illinois District, Strategy in Industry)
 - (1 - 100-24729) (EMANUEL BLUM)
 - (1 - 100-2748) (SAM KUSHNER)

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PHIL BART, National Organization Secretary of the Communist Party - USA, stated during the week of July 5, 1959, that if there is a steel strike, a couple of the members of the National Executive Committee will visit the Communist Party Districts which have members of the steel industry.

BART complained that with a steel strike eminent, SAM KUSHNER, Vice Chairman of the Communist Party of Illinois, who is in charge of industrial work in the Illinois District, said that he did not know what is happening in the steel industry. Further, MANNY BLUM, Chairman of the Communist Party of Indiana, told BART that he did not have time to discuss a possible steel strike.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641)
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On May 21, 1959, CS CG 6026-S* who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available photographs of a document in the possession of FLO HALL who has been identified by CG 5824-S* as a member of the National Committee of the CP, USA.

- 11 - New York (RM) 1-100-23825 (BENJAMIN J. DAVIS) (415)
- 1-100-1696 (ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN) (415)
- 1-100-8057 (GENE DENNIS) (415)
- 1-100- (HYMAN LUMER)
- 1-100-56576 (PHIL BART) (422)
- 1-100-16785 (JAMES JACKSON) (415)
- 1-100- (CP, USA, Negro Question)
- 1-100- (NAACP)
- 1-100-79717 (CP, USA Political Activity)
- 3 - Los Angeles (RM)
 - 1-100- (CP, USA, Organization)
 - 1-100- (CP, USA, Negro Question)
 - 1-100- (CP, USA, National Groups Commission)
- 1 - Boston (100- CP, USA, Organization) (RM)
- 1 - Philadelphia (100- CP, USA, Organization) (RM)
- 1 - San Francisco (100- CP, USA, Organization) (RM)
- 2 - Charlotte (RM)
 - 1-100- NAACP
 - 1-100- ROBERT WILLIAMS
- 5 - Chicago
 - 1-100-33731 (CP, USA, Negro Question)
 - 1-100-8261 (NAACP)
 - 1-100-12459 (FLO HALL)
 - 1-A [redacted] (CS CG 6026-S*)

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The negatives of these photographs are filed in Chicago file A) b7D

This document was addressed to All National Committee Members and signed by PHIL BART, National Org Secretary and was dated May 20, 1959. The document was as follows:

"Dear Comrades:

"We give you below a resume of the NEC meeting held Tuesday, May 11, 1959.

"Agenda: Report of Jackson's trip to West Coast
Report of Committee preparing draft of NEC
~~Report~~ Report for Convention
Report on draft Constitution
Letter to Party Clubs

1. Report by Jackson on his trip to West Coast -- He reported on the Los Angeles meeting where very good arrangements had been made for his stay in that city. On his arrival there was a TV interview at which a number of questions were asked him concerning his tour. The questions on TV were of a hostile nature but the answers were very well received as reported later by many viewers. He also had a large press conference. On May first, a meeting of some 14 or 1500 was considered one of the largest meetings held in the recent period. He then attended a District Council meeting and also had a reception of some 50 people. During his stay an enlarged meeting of the Negro Commission as well as of the Jewish Commission was held. He felt that his stay was beneficial, that besides reaching Party members he was able to speak to many non-Party people in the area. He felt the approach there should be helpful to many other areas in the country.

"In San Francisco he had a May day meeting which was very good. Many of the comrades, including the leadership felt that they could have had an even larger meeting if more attention had been paid to it. He also attended a District Council meeting and had a very excellent reception attended by some 70 people composed of Party and non-Party, among them many former Party members. A very interesting discussion followed.

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"He laid great stress on discussing ways of speaking to masses of people, especially on the part of those like himself who had visited socialist countries and obtained a first hand view of events which is of considerable interest to the people. He indicated that his experiences show that we can attract those whom we have not reached on past occasions. It is essential that we take into consideration different areas which face diverse problems and can undertake projects in accordance with conditions in their areas.

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"Comrade Davis dealt briefly with recent press reports of a statement by the NAACP head in North Carolina, Mr. Williams. Mr. Williams had mentioned that violence might be necessary in fighting against bestial attacks and lynchings of the Negro people. Williams has been removed from his post by the NAACP. In his (Davis') opinion we must help avoid that which the enemies of the Negro people would like to achieve -- a polarization around two diverse positions and thereby dividing the Negro people. We recognize the causes for Williams' reaction. It grows out of the recent lynchings and the moods of anger among the Negro people especially since white rapists were freed by the Southern courts, while Parker, innocent of any crime, was lynched. Negroes and many other progressives recognize that they can have no confidence in the courts of the South who are an adjunct of reaction. There must be a movement for Federal intervention in Southern court cases. We do not condone any policy of violence and stand opposed to it. We identify ourselves with the sentiments of the Negro people in their majority and believe that the greatest unity should be maintained in the NAACP and other Negro people's movements.

"Party Constitution -- Comrade Bart reported briefly on the Constitution. He dealt with the influence of the Right on the drafting of our Constitution. However, there was also a struggle against the Right which influenced the character of the document.

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"There was considerable discussion on the question of unity and democratic centralism prior to and during the convention. This question remained unresolved insofar as the Constitution is concerned. While taking this sentiment into consideration, it is necessary to keep in mind that at the time of the Convention, there was considerable rank and file upsurge against bureaucratic practices and inadequate democratic procedures in our Party. This received attention by many members and there was sharp criticism at the Convention. In the discussion it was felt that in formulating the changes in the Constitution, and in the report on the Constitution, this sentiment should remain paramount.

"A committee of five was elected to prepare a draft document for the enlarged NEC meeting in June.

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"Comrade Lumer reported on a Report of the NEC to be prepared for the Convention. He suggested the following points for consideration:

- "1. The world and national developments over the past period.
- "2. Political work of the Party since the convention. Activities developed in various fields. Direct activities of the Party.
- "3. Party organization. Review of ideological struggles, factionalism, the consolidation and strengthening of the Party during this period.
- "4. A resume of the work of the various departments of the Party.
- "5. In summary, the major conclusions and perspectives.

"Following the discussion, the committee was authorized to prepare a draft based on the above points for the enlarged NEC meeting.

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"Letter to Clubs -- Comrade Bart was authorized to prepare a letter to the membership, this letter to be circulated to resident NEC members and sent out to all clubs.

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"Comrade Dennis reported on his visit to Philadelphia, where he spoke at a banquet, at which one-third of their press goal of \$2500. was raised. He also attended a meeting of the District Committee.

"Comrade Elizabeth reported on a trip to Boston and an affair which she attended there.

"Comradely yours,;

Phil Bart

National Org. Secy"

The above is furnished for the information of all offices.

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- 15 - Milwaukee (REGISTERED)
 - (1 - 100-42-) (CP-USA, Wisconsin District, Membership)
 - (1 - 100-42-) (CP-USA, Wisconsin District, Organization)
 - (1 - [redacted])
 - (1 - 100-10870) (PHYLLIS BERGER BERMAN)
 - (1 - 100-4) (FRED BLAIR)
 - (1 - 100-) (MARY BLAIR)
 - (1 - 100-3) (SIG EISENSCHER)
 - (1 - 100-) (JOHN GILMAN)
 - (1 - 100-10132) (JAMES HUDSON)
 - (1 - 100-) ([redacted])
 - (1 - 100-) (MAGNUS NELSON)
 - (1 - [redacted])
 - (1 - 100-) ([redacted])
 - (1 - 100-11125) (ALAN SHAW)
 - (1 - 100-) (Mrs. ALAN SHAW)
- 1 - Springfield (100-) (CLEMENCE BLAIS) (REGISTERED)
- 2 - Chicago
 - (1 - A/134-46)

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July 13, 1959

FRED BLAIR, New Chairman of the
Communist Party of Wisconsin

On July 3, 1959, FRED BLAIR stated that ALAN SHAW had asked to be released as Chairman of the Communist Party of Wisconsin for personal reasons. This request was granted, and FRED BLAIR, formerly the Vice Chairman, has been elected as the Chairman to replace SHAW.

ALAN SHAW

BLAIR stated that he is not getting any co-operation from ALAN SHAW and that both SHAW and his wife are lukewarm and even hostile toward the Communist Party. BLAIR stated that he attributes some of this to the political thinking of SHAW, who has been a supporter of the Right wing viewpoint. BLAIR also stated that SHAW's wife had been working for a doctor in a Catholic clinic and she lost her job. SHAW is trying to peddle some imports, but is having a hard time making a living. BLAIR said he thinks that the SHAWs may move to California.

SIG EISENSCHER

BLAIR complained about SIG EISENSCHER. He stated that EISENSCHER works from twelve to sixteen hours a day and thus has no time for the Communist Party. BLAIR commented, however, that EISENSCHER is not as hostile toward the Party as is ALAN SHAW and his wife.

Membership and Organization

BLAIR complained that for one year neither ALAN SHAW nor SIG EISENSCHER went outside Milwaukee on Party business; therefore, the Party outside of Milwaukee County has been neglected. He stated that the membership of the Communist Party of Wisconsin is approximately 125, with a little more than one-half of the membership in Milwaukee County. He said there are some members in Racine, Kenosha, Madison and Waukesha Counties.

BLAIR stated that he wants to form a committee of about five persons. This committee would serve both as a Milwaukee County Committee and as a State Board. He said that as soon as he gets this committee established, he will try to rebuild the Communist Party in Wisconsin. Two persons mentioned by BLAIR as possibilities for this committee were MAGNUS NELSON and JOHN GILMAN.

Wisconsin Representative to the
National Committee Meeting

BLAIR stated that he wanted to know if he should go to the next meeting of the National Committee in place of ALAN SHAW. BLAIR said that SHAW did not say whether or not he thought BLAIR should take his place at the National Committee meeting. BLAIR commented that if the national leadership wanted a vote either against the Right wing or the Left wing, then he would try to raise funds in order to make the trip to New York City for the July, 1959, meeting of the National Committee.

During the week of July 5, 1959, PHIL BART, National Organization Secretary of the Communist Party - USA, stated that he had in his possession a letter to the National Office of the Communist Party - USA from ALAN SHAW. In this letter, SHAW asked to be relieved, for personal reasons, as Chairman of the Communist Party of Wisconsin. SHAW also indicated that he doubted that he could carry on any activities or accept any burden of Party work for the reason previously cited.

BART stated that it may be necessary that BLAIR go to the National Committee meeting in order to keep abreast of developments. BART stated that the National Office will send a letter to BLAIR inviting him to the next meeting of the National Committee. In this letter, the National Office will set forth the quotation from SHAW's letter that he cannot assume any burden of Party work. BART stated that BLAIR will have to pay his transportation costs to New York City, but the National Office will find ways and means of reimbursing him without letting the other Districts know about it.

FRED AND MARY BLAIR

FRED BLAIR stated that he and his wife are trying to live on \$50 a week and that his book store does not pay for itself.

[REDACTED] PHYLLIS [REDACTED]

BLAIR stated that [REDACTED] PHYLLIS [REDACTED] are attending the University of Wisconsin and have become anti-Communist.

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BLAIR stated that [REDACTED] and his wife have left the

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Communist Party and are anti-Communist Party. He stated that

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BLAIR said that [REDACTED] are out of the Communist Party.

Effect of FBI Investigations in Wisconsin

BLAIR stated that the FBI watches his book store and on one occasion he called the local police in order to embarrass the FBI. He also said that the FBI has been seeing some Party people. He stated that the FBI activity has had some effect on Party members. He stated that he believes that the FBI goes after people who are at odds with the Party or who have left the Communist Party.

In general, BLAIR indicated that he was not too optimistic about Communist Party activities in Wisconsin, and blamed ALAN SHAW for the current status of the Communist Party in Wisconsin.

CLEMENCE BLAIS

BLAIR stated that no one from the headquarters of the Communist Party of Illinois has visited his brother in East Moline. He said that his brother gives him a donation from time to time and that he records this as dues payments.

EMIL GARDOS and GRACE BLAIR GARDOS

BLAIR stated that his sister, GRACE, and her husband, EMIL GARDOS, are currently residing in Hungary. He spent two years in India while GRACE was in India for one year. EMIL GARDOS is working in an industrial organization and is advancing rapidly not only in his work, but also in the Communist Party of Hungary.

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TO : SAC (100-138354)

DATE: 7/15/59

FROM : SA [REDACTED] #422 b6
b7CSUBJECT: PHIL (Inu)
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One PHIL (Inu), a male, white, 30-35 years, 5'9", black straight hair, and small mole on right cheek, was reportedly at CP headquarters on 5/13/59 and talked with GENE DEWINS.

[REDACTED] advised SA [REDACTED] on 7/13/59 that from the above description, PHIL (Inu) is probably identical with PHIL BART. The informant noted that PHIL BART has a mole on his cheek and is often a visitor at CP headquarters. The informant stated that BART, who is married to CONNIE BART, however appears to be somewhat older than 35 years.

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1 - [REDACTED] (INV.)
1 - 100-56579 (PHIL BART)
1 - 100-138354 (#422)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-11941)

SUBJECT: ANTON KRCHMAREK
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NY 2010-S* advised that on 7/15/59, PHIL BART was in conversation with ANTON KRCHMAREK in Cleveland and told him to come to NY (to discuss steel strike). KRCHMAREK advised he would arrive in NY 7/15/59.

3- Bureau (RM)
1- Cleveland (Info) (RM)
1- New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (422)
1- New York (100-89590) (CP, USA-STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY) (415)
1- New York (100-11941)

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641)

DATE: 7-15-59

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-33741)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
ORGANIZATION
IS - C

On May 21, 1959, CS CG 6026-S* who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished a photograph of a document in the possession of FLO HALL who has been identified by CG 5824-S*, as a member of the National Committee of the CP, USA. The negative of this photograph is maintained in Chicago file A) [redacted] b7D

This document is dated May 20, 1959 and addressed to All Members of the National Committee and signed by PHIL BART, National Org Secretary.

This document is set forth as follows:

⑤ - New York (RM)

①-100-56576

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1-100-79717

5 - Chicago

1-100-33731

1-100-33758

1-100-12459

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(PHIL BART) (422)

(CP, USA, Negro Question)

(CP, USA Political Activity)

(CP, USA, Negro Question)

(CP, USA, Political Activity)

(FLO HALL)

(CS CG 6026-S*)

PHK:JVK
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Handwritten notes and stamps: 100-56576-3507, W.I., 100-56576, 415, H.P. Quinn

CG 100-33741

"Dear Comrades:

"The next meeting of the National Committee will be held on Saturday and Sunday, July 25th and 26th. Due to the considerable amount of business, the meeting may be extended an extra day to Monday, July 27th, if that is found necessary.

"The agenda will be:

- "1) Draft Constitution
- "2) Draft Resolution on Negro Work
- "3) Draft NEC Report
- "4) An Outline of the Main Political Resolution.
- "5) Guiding Principles of a Party Program.

"We are sending this notice to you in sufficient time so that you may make preparations to attend the full meeting.

"Comradely yours,

Phil Bart

National Org. Secy."

The above is furnished for the information of your office.

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Date: 7/16/59

Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT

Via AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-427268)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-133594)

SUBJECT: FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCE
IS-C

On 7/15/59, NY 2384-S* reported that ESTHER UNGER (NY State CP Legislative Director) and BEN DAVIS (Chairman NY State CP) discussed a subpoena received by ESTHER UNGER from the HUCA, to testify the week of 7/20/59. According to NY 2384-S*, UNGER stated that she would admit that she was a member of the CP. DAVIS argued vehemently that she should plead the Fifth Amendment to this question. DAVIS and UNGER could not agree on this point and stated they would discuss it at a meeting to be held later in the evening.

- 3 - Bureau (100-427268)(RM)
- 1 - NY (100-50094) (ESTHER UNGER)(416)
- 1 - NY (100-23825) (BEN DAVIS)(416)
- 1 - NY (100-16021) (ARNOLD JOHNSON)(415)
- 1 - NY (100-26018) (LOUIS WEINSTOCK)(415)
- 1 - NY (100-48033) (IRVING POTASH)(415)
- ① - NY (100-56579) (PHIL BART)(415)
- 1 - NY (100-13483) (BETTY GANNETT)(416)
- 1 - NY (100-60640) (HAROLD COLLINS)(416)
- 1 - NY (100-80633) (CP, USA, EDUCATION)(415)
- 1 - NY (100-128822) (CP, USA, NYD, EDUCATION)(416)
- 1 - NY (100-133594)

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On 7/14/59, NY 1869-S* reported that HAROLD COLLINS (NY State CP functionary) contacted BEN DAVIS and informed him that he, COLLINS, had received a subpoena to testify before the HUCA. COLLINS wanted to talk to DAVIS about it, but DAVIS recommended that COLLINS see ARNOLD JOHNSON (CP, USA, National Legislative Director). COLLINS also stated that it appeared that those receiving subpoenas are those connected with "the school" (Faculty of Social Science). NY 1869-S* advised that COLLINS and the others who received subpoenas are greatly concerned about this. DAVIS advised COLLINS not to let the HUCA upset him.

On 7/15/59, NY 2353-S* advised that LOUIS WEINSTOCK (NY State CP Committee member) informed ARNOLD JOHNSON that he, WEINSTOCK, had received a subpoena and that "I'll tell them there is such a thing as the Fifth Amendment." JOHNSON stated that "Irving" (believed to be IRVING POTASH, CP, USA, Labor Secretary) had received one too.

On 7/15/59, NY 2360-S* reported that a meeting of CP functionaries took place on this date at CP Headquarters, 23 West 26th St., NYC. The informant reported that among those present were ARNOLD JOHNSON, BEN DAVIS, IRVING POTASH, LOUIS WEINSTOCK, BETTY GANNETT (NY State CP Educational Director) and PHIL BART (CP, USA, National Organizational Secretary). NY 2360-S* reported that this meeting was held to discuss the strategy to be used by those that had received subpoenas from the HUCA. BEN DAVIS stated that the Fifth Amendment should be used. Also, they should not let the committee push them around, but to take their time and talk to "your" lawyer. During this discussion, BETTY GANNETT indicated that she also had received a subpoena and would take the Fifth Amendment on all questions. WEINSTOCK indicated that he will also plead the Fifth Amendment.

According to NY 2360-S*, it appeared that it was decided that those called before the Committee should plead the Fifth Amendment to all questions.

DIRECTOR, FBI (64-200-18)

7/17/59

SAC, CHICAGO (100-22316)

COMMUNIST PARTY - USA
TERRITORY OF HAWAII
HONOLULU DIVISION
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Re Bulet to Honolulu dated January 27, 1959; and re
Bulet to Chicago dated June 18, 1959.

CG 5824-S*, on July 15, 1959, orally furnished to SA
JOHN E. KEATING the information on the following page. This
oral information was reduced to writing on July 16, 1959:

- 2 - Bureau (REGISTERED)
- 1 - Honolulu (100-5900) (REGISTERED)
- 2 - New York (REGISTERED)
- del* (1 - 100-56579) (PHIL BART)
- (1 - 100-47632) (FRANCES DAMON)
- 2 - Chicago
- (1 - A/134-46)

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July 15, 1959

PHIL BART, National Organization Secretary of the Communist Party - USA, stated during the week of July 5, 1959, that FRANCES DAMON, of New York City, stated recently that she is still planning to make a trip to Europe and Russia in connection with trying to establish a travel agency in New York City which would handle all arrangements for trips to Russia. Upon her return from this trip, she plans to go to law school. After obtaining a law degree, she plans to go to Hawaii to live, join either the Democratic Party or Republican Party, and enter politics in Hawaii.

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Date: 7/17/59

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Via AIRTEL REGISTERED

(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-89)
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-89590) (415)
SUBJECT: CP, USA, STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY
IS - C

- 4 - Bureau (100-3-89) (RM)
(1 - 100-62018) (Communist Infiltration of the United Steel Workers of America, AFL-CIO)
- 1 - Baltimore (100-) (CP, USA, Strategy in Industry) (INFO) (RM)
- 1 - Birmingham (100-) (CP, USA, Strategy in Industry) (INFO) (RM)
- 1 - Buffalo (100-) (CP, USA, Strategy in Industry) (INFO) (RM)
- 3 - Chicago (100-33756) (INFO) (RM)
(1 - 100-2748) (SAM KUSHNER) (RM)
(1 - 134-46) (CG 5824-S)
- 1 - Cincinnati (100-) (CP, USA, Strategy in Industry) (INFO) (RM)
- 2 - Cleveland (100-) (CP, USA, Strategy in Industry) (INFO) (RM)
(1 - 65-721) (ANTON KRCHMAREK)
- 1 - Indianapolis (100-) (CP, USA, Strategy in Industry) (INFO) (RM)
- 1 - Philadelphia (100-) (CP, USA, Strategy in Industry) (INFO) (RM)
- 2 - Pittsburgh (100-) (CP, USA, Strategy in Industry) (INFO) (RM)
(1 - 100-) (Cominfil-United Steel Workers of America, AFL-CIO)
- 1 - New York (134-91) (Inv) (415)
- ① - New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (422)
- 1 - New York (100-48033) (IRVING POTASH) (415)
- 1 - New York (97-169) (Publishers New Press) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-89590) (415)

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Utmost caution must be exercised with respect to dissemination of information contained herein inasmuch as said information, by its nature, tends to identify NY 694-S*, a valuable informant, as the source thereof.

Reference Buairtel, 7/15/59, captioned "COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE UNITED STEEL WORKERS OF AMERICA, AFL-CIO; INTERNAL SECURITY - C; OO:PITTSBURGH."

On 7/17/59, NY 694-S* advised SA ALEXANDER C. BURLINSON that on the aforesaid date, PHIL BART, CP, USA Organizational Secretary, furnished to him the following information:

The first CP conference regarding the steel strike is scheduled for Monday, July 20th, in Cleveland, Ohio. A second conference is scheduled for July 24th in NYC.

ANTON KRCHMAREK of Cleveland CP attended an all-day meeting at CP Headquarters in NYC on 7/16/59, at which CP tactics to be used in steel strike were discussed. KRCHMAREK was instructed to contact, on 7/17/59, all CP districts concerned with strike and to furnish instructions to said districts re CP tactics to be employed in strike. The CP National Office is contemplating large distribution of literature in strike areas, including a "steel edition" of "The Worker", a "flyer" and a "Worker" supplement. Attempts are being made to obtain contributions to defray expenses of these publications.

The CP is extremely critical of SAM KUSHNER for having attempted to obtain telephonically from POTASH information re dates of CP steel meetings and planned tactics. The Party is charging KUSHNER with having done nothing for CP in instant steel strike situation except "to write about it from a distance."

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Via AIRTEL _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-89)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-89590)

SUBJECT: CP, USA - STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY
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- 5 - Bureau (100-3-89)(RM)
 - (1 - 100-62018)(COMINFIL, United Steel Workers of America, AFL-CIO)
 - (1 - 100-3-69)(CP, USA- ORGANIZATION)
- 1 - Baltimore (INFO)(RM)
- 1 - Birmingham (INFO)(RM)
- 1 - Buffalo (INFO)(RM)
- 1 - Chicago (INFO)(RM)
- 1 - Cincinnati (INFO)(RM)
- 3 - Cleveland (INFO)(RM)
 - (1 - 100-) (ANTON KRCHMAREK)
 - (1 - 100-) (COMINFIL, United Steel Workers of America, AFL-CIO)
- 1 - Indianapolis (INFO)(RM)
- 2 - Pittsburgh (INFO)(RM)
 - (1 - 100-) (COMINFIL, United Steel Workers of America, AFL-CIO)
- 1 - Philadelphia (INFO)(RM)
- 9 - New York (100-89590)
 - (1 - 100-8057)(EUGENE DENNIS)(415)
 - (1 - 100-48033)(IRVING POTASH)(415)
 - (1 - 100-18065)(JACK STACHEL)(415)
 - (1 - 100-56579)(PHIL BART)(415)
 - (1 - 97-169)(Publisher's New Press)
 - (1 - 100-13203)(GEORGE MORRIS)(415)
 - (1 - 100-80641)(CP, USA - ORGANIZATION)
 - (1 - 100-27581)(COMINFIL, United Steel Workers of America, AFL-CIO)

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On 7/15/59, NY 2362-S* advised that on this date an informal discussion was held in EUGENE DENNIS' office at CP Headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, NYC. According to informant, those in attendance were:

EUGENE DENNIS
IRVING POTASH
JACK STACHEL
PHIL BART

EUGENE DENNIS opened the discussion by stating that "The Worker" will get out a one page lead editorial on the (steel) strike. He commented that Chicago favored something from "The Worker" rather than the Party.

JACK STACHEL stated that they wanted GEORGE MORRIS to go to the Ohio and Pittsburgh area to report on the steel situation, but MORRIS is unable to go. He said that they have sent a letter to several districts asking for material such as the reaction of the workers to the strike and the effects the strike was having on local business, etc. STACHEL said that "we" are making special provisions to get "The Worker" to all areas of the strike at reduced rates per 1,000 or 500 copies. He said that there will be no cash in advance and that we have to get them to accept "The Worker" and to circulate the paper. STACHEL remarked that we expect to have 5,000 copies in the first edition.

IRVING POTASH then spoke briefly regarding the role of the government in the strike. He said that it is

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"our basic role" to develop the expression of the people. Our role can also expose the attack on the trade union movement by the government as well as by the company. POTASH stated that "we" should strive for the following regarding "The Worker":

- 1) To have interviews with the strikers and
- 2) Interviews with labor in general.

PHIL BART then spoke but utilized the added security of the blackboard and this information was not available to the informant.

Following BART, JACK STACHEL recommended that a Party statement regarding the strike should be issued and recommended that a meeting be held in this regard in New York as well as in a number of other places.

EUGENE DENNIS said that he agreed there should be a Party statement which would concentrate on the basic issues. Further discussion followed, but the informant was not able to determine DENNIS' further comments as he utilized the added security of the blackboard.

On 7/16/59, this informant advised that further discussion was held in EUGENE DENNIS' office at CP Headquarters regarding the steel strike. According to the

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informant, the meeting concerned itself primarily with the comments of ANTON KRCHMAREK, who had come to New York to give his observations.

KRCHMAREK opened the discussion by stating that there is a high degree of unity by monopoly capital whereas in the past the union was able to take advantage of differences. He said that the ideological campaign on the inflation question has been thorough and detailed. He remarked that it has gotten results so that the union is now on the defensive and has failed to meet this campaign head on. He said that the stock piling of steel by consumers is such that the steel companies feel "well entrenched" and the role of the government has been extremely effective without using the Taft-Hartley Act. He said the voice of (President) EISENHOWER is present in all negotiations.

Continuing, KRCHMAREK expressed the opinion that the issue of the shorter work week has "gone down the drain" and the hourly wage is the only principal demand. He said the class struggle is emerging and "we" have to make use of this and bring it forward. He said that "we" should bring out MC DONALD's unrealistic attitude. He remarked that the workers feel that there is a threat to the union and to their jobs but the "morale ... and the fighting spirit of the men is good ..."

KRCHMAREK commented that "we" can do a number of things such as:

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- 1) Obtain federal surplus food for distribution to the strikers
- 2) Put pressure on the relief machinery of the states and
- 3) Develop solidarity of other unions.

He further remarked that while you can distribute "The Worker" to a certain degree, what is needed is mass distribution, adding that a "flyer" could deal with some of the deeper problems. KRCHMAREK indicated that there was also a need to develop a critical attitude toward the leadership (union leadership?) in order to correct their position and bring them closer to the struggle. He remarked that "we" have tended to be "a bit overcautious".

Continuing, KRCHMAREK stated that the workers are complaining that they do not know what is going on, that there is not too much discussion just a speculation as to what will happen to jobs. He said "we" have to point out that the workers have something to fight for, namely a shorter work week. KRCHMAREK then utilized the added security of the blackboard to emphasize certain plans, but none of this information was available to the informant.

A question and answer period followed and one of the points discussed was the possible distribution of "The Worker" at reduced rates. PHIL BART inquired if

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it might be desirable to circulate the paper free for the duration of the strike. KRCHMAREK replied that such a proposal could be tried to determine the reaction.

Following further discussion, JACK STACHEL stated that "we" can say that during the course of the strike 50,000 copies of "The Worker" at reduced rates will be distributed. The first shipment will be on credit. Informant advised that discussion then followed regarding a Party statement to be issued and it was decided that the statement would be ready by the first of the week.

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AIR MAIL - REGISTERED

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-33741)
SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY - USA
ORGANIZATION
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

CG 5824-S*, on 7/17/59, orally furnished the following information to SA JOHN E. KEATING:

On 7/17/59, a letter was received from the National Office of the Communist Party - USA. This letter is dated July 13, 1959, is addressed to all National Executive Committee members, and is signed, "PHIL BART, National Organization Secretary". The following is the text of this letter:

The next regular meeting of the National Executive Committee will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, July 22 and 23, 1959, starting at 10:00 A.M. The order of business will be the draft resolutions and the Constitution to be presented to the National Committee over the weekend.

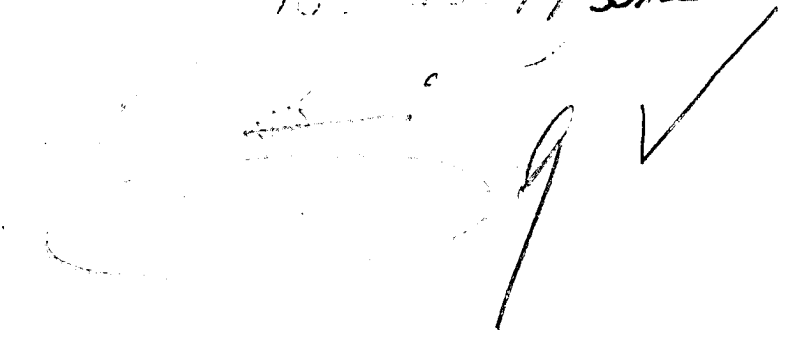
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3 - Bureau
② - New York (1 - 100-80641) (CP-USA, Organization)
~~(1 - 100-56579) (PHIL BART)~~
2 - Chicago
(1 - A/134-46)

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A large handwritten signature, possibly "G", is written across the bottom right of the page. To its right is a large checkmark. The signature and checkmark are written in dark ink.

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-26603-C43) DATE: 7/20/59

FROM : SA HAROLD P. QUINN (#415)

SUBJECT: CP, USA KINGS COUNTY
IS - C

On 6/18/59, NY 1750-S* advised that on that date PHILIP and CONNIE BART had-discussed a number of items in their apartment.

CONNIE mentioned that she was going out and that DANNY (RUBEL) was going to pick her up. PHILIP asked her if they were going to another County Board meeting to which she answered that they were having the next County Board meeting in their apartment the following week.

CONNIE asked PHILIP if he sees much of BETTY (GANNETT) and he commented not often. CONNIE then said that BETTY seems to be our friend when she needs/ops when she was in jail. CONNIE said that when JIM (TORMEY) was in trouble he hung on to you.

1 - NY 100-56579 (PHILIP BART) (415)
1 - NY 100-12959 (CONNIE BART) (415)
1 - NY 100-117158 (DANNY RUBEL) (422)
1 - NY 100-13483 (BETTY GANNETT) (416)
1 - NY 100-15946 (JIM TORMEY) (416)
1 - NY 100-26603-C43

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-56579) DATE: 7/20/59

FROM : SA HAROLD P. QUINN (#415)

SUBJECT: PHILIP BART
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On 6/21/59, NY 1750-S* advised that the subject and his wife, CONNIE, had discussed a number of items at their residence on that date after returning from a picnic which they had been on.

CONNIE mentioned that JOE NORTH, who was at the picnic, did not appear to ^{be} very cordial. She then said that [redacted] ANDY [redacted] never go to any of these affairs.

PHILIP then mentioned that he was talking to TOM FITZPATRICK at the picnic. He said that FITZPATRICK is upset about the middle class running the Party. He said that FITZPATRICK lived all his life in Pittsburgh, and is extremely bitter about the way his problems have been handled by the Party. He said that he is now living around 31st St. and Lexington Ave. He said that FITZPATRICK wants to get back into the UE but that he feels he is being discriminated against because of his name. He said that he lost his job because of his connection with the CP. PHILIP said that he is 56 years old, and should be given some type of assignment. He said that he should head some type of a committee connected with industry.

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1 - NY 100-12959 (CONNIE BART) (415)
1 - NY 100-13444 (JOE NORTH) (415)
1 - NY [redacted] (411)
1 - NY 100-14899 (ANDY [redacted]) (411)
1 - NY 100-104523 (TOM FITZPATRICK) (425)
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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3284)

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On 7/15/59, NY 2362-S* advised that the subject was in attendance on that date at an informal discussion held in the office of EUGENE DENNIS at CP Headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, NYC. According to the informant, those in attendance were EUGENE DENNIS, IRVING POTASH, and JACK STACHEL. The topic of discussion was the Steel Strike and those in attendance gave their views and opinions on its possible effects and what the CP'S projected program should be. However, when the subject spoke, he utilized the added security of the blackboard and this information was not available to the informant.

On 7/15/59, NY 2360-S* reported that a meeting of CP functionaries took place on that date at CP Headquarters, NYC. Those in attendance besides the subject were ARNOLD JOHNSON, BEN DAVIS, IRVING POTASH, LOUIS WEINSTOCK, and BETTY GANNETT. The informant reported that this meeting was held to discuss the strategy to be used by those who had received subpoenas from the HUAC. The informant advised that it appeared that it was decided those called before the Committee should plead the Fifth Amendment to all questions.

On 7/15/59, the subject was observed to meet with, for two hours in a cafeteria, a person subsequently identified as PHILIP FRANKFIED, convicted Baltimore Smith Act subject now residing in New York, and supposedly no longer in the CP. On the previous day, NY 2010-S* advised that BART was telephonically contacted at CP Headquarters, NYC, by a male UNSUB, who identified himself as "PHIL". This UNSUB told BART that it was important that he should talk to

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1 - NY (100-56579)

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BART and an appointment was made for the following morning at Reeds Cafeteria, 18^{1/2} Fifth Avenue, NYC, at 9:30 AM.

On 7/16/59, NY 1749-S* advised that EUGENE DENNIS called the subject in the morning at his home and asked what time (ANTON) KRCHMAREK was expected in town that day. BART told DENNIS he would be in at 10:30 AM.

On 7/16/59, NY 2362-S* reported the subject had been in attendance at a meeting at CP Headquarters, NYC, to hear a report on the Steel strike by ANTON KRCHMAREK. Following the report, the subject inquired of KRCHMAREK if it might be desirable to circulate the paper ("Worker") free for the duration of the strike. KRCHMAREK said it could be tried, to determine the reaction.

NY 1749-S* advised on 7/16/59, that the subject was telephonically contacted at his residence by a female UNSUB whom he told that his wife, CONNIE, was still on vacation. He said she was due to return to New York on the following Wednesday or Thursday (7/22-23/59.)

On 7/17/59, NY 1749-S* reported that the subject in a telephone conversation from his residence with an unidentified female spoke about his recent trip to Chicago with his wife. He said they had stayed most of the week with MORRIS (CHILDS). The woman asked if MORRIS' wife (SUNNY CHILDS) was "tied down in bed." BART said she was not, but it was not pleasant and it had been work for his wife.

The woman then told BART that she was upset about BETTY'S (GANNETT) husband, JIM (TORMEY) taking over in Brooklyn, and BART said not to worry. BART then told her about twelve persons had received subpoenas to appear (HUAC); mostly in connection with "teaching." The woman said it had been discussed in her section and she knew one of the persons called, HARRY ANCHEL.

BART then said he and CONNIE would be over to see "them" after the National Committee meeting this weekend. He said that MORRIS (CHILDS) was coming in for the meeting. He also mentioned CONNIE was going back to work for a week and then quit for a new job which she got before she left on vacation.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM ** UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-81)
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-18961)
SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY - USA
ILLINOIS DISTRICT
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

DATE: 7/16/59

CARE SHOULD BE USED IN HANDLING AND REPORTING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IN ORDER TO FULLY PROTECT THE IDENTITY OF A HIGHLY PLACED INFORMANT.

CG 5824-S*, on July 13, 1959, orally furnished to SA JOHN E. KEATING the information on the following page. This oral information was reduced to writing on July 16, 1959:

- 2 - Bureau (REGISTERED)
- 3 - New York (REGISTERED)
 - (1 - 100-86624) (CP-USA, International Relations)
 - (1 - 100-56579) (PHIL BART)
 - (1 - 100-269) (HENRY WINSTON)
- 13 - Chicago
 - (1 - A/134-46)
 - (1 - 100-18963) (CP-USA, Illinois District, Factionalism)
 - (1 - 100-19431) (CP-USA, Illinois District, Strategy in Industry)
 - (1 - [REDACTED])
 - (1 - 100-16497) (FRIEDA CANTER)
 - (1 - 100-1345) (HARRY CANTER)
 - (1 - 100-3470) (MORRIS CHILDS)
 - (1 - 100-2515) (ELMER JOHNSON)
 - (1 - 100-8751) (IMOGENE JOHNSON)
 - (1 - 100-9948) (HELEN SAUNDERS)
 - (1 - 100-19736) (MIKE SAUNDERS)
 - (1 - 100-20289) (JAMES WEST)

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H. P. Quinn

July 13, 1959

In a recent conversation, HARRY CANTER, member of the Communist Party of Illinois, stated that HELEN SAUNDERS has been making arrangements for eight couples to go to Czechoslovakia sometime in August, 1959, as an unofficial trade union delegation. CANTER stated that he had learned that one of the couples is ELMER JOHNSON, member of the District Committee of the Communist Party of Illinois, and his wife, IMOGENE JOHNSON, member of the Communist Party of Illinois. CANTER stated that he and his wife have been asked by [redacted] to join this unofficial trade union delegation. He said that he was told that the group going to Czechoslovakia would meet in Chicago with a representative of the Czechoslovakian Embassy.

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CANTER stated that he had asked MORRIS CHILDS what he should do, since he felt this group might be a part of a faction involving supporters of the Left wing viewpoint. CHILDS told him that he had asked the leadership of the Communist Party of Illinois what they knew about this plan, and was told that they knew nothing about it. However, CHILDS told CANTER to go ahead and participate in the group inasmuch as he had planned to go to Europe anyway and in this way might get some of his expenses paid.

In discussing this activity on the part of HELEN SAUNDERS, without the knowledge of the leadership of the Communist Party of Illinois, PHIL BART, National Organization Secretary of the Communist Party - USA, stated during the week of July 5, 1959, that this activity is contrary to national Communist Party policy in regard to sending an unofficial trade union delegation to Russia. BART said that at one time both HELEN SAUNDERS and her husband, MIKE SAUNDERS, were kicked out of the Communist Party. BART also recalled that around 1949, HELEN SAUNDERS had created similar problems for the Communist Party - USA in regard to her dealings with the Czechoslovakians. BART said that at that time HENRY WINSTON bawled her out for carrying on this type of activity. BART then said that he was going to discuss this matter in the National Office of the Communist Party - USA.

JAMES WEST, Executive Secretary of the Communist Party of Illinois, has stated that he plans to call HELEN SAUNDERS to the District Office to find out just what she is up to.

O F F I C E M E M O R A N D U M * * U N I T E D S T A T E S G O V E R N M E N T

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69) DATE: 7/17/59
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-33741)
SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY - USA
ORGANIZATION
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

CARE SHOULD BE USED IN HANDLING AND REPORTING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE IDENTITY OF A HIGHLY PLACED INFORMANT.

CG 5824-S*, on July 13, 1959, orally furnished to SA JOHN E. KEATING the information on the following pages. This oral information was reduced to writing on July 16, 1959:

2 - Bureau (REGISTERED)
8 - New York (REGISTERED)
(1 - 100-87211) (CP-USA, Factionalism)
(1 - 100-80641) (CP-USA, Organization)
(1 - 100-128821) (CP-USA, New York District, Factionalism)
(1 - 100-128814) (CP-USA, New York District, Organization)
(1 - 100-129629) (WILLIAM ALBERTSON)
~~(1 - 100-56579) (PHIL BART)~~
(1 - 100-23825) (BENJAMIN DAVIS, JR.)
(1 - 100-16785) (JAMES E. JACKSON)
2 - Chicago
(1 - A/134-46)

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July 13, 1959

PHIL BART, National Organization Secretary of the Communist Party - USA, during the week of July 5, 1959, stated that recently the resident National Executive Committee heard reports on the status of the New York Communist Party District. One report was given by WILLIAM ALBERTSON, and the other by BENJAMIN DAVIS, JR., who was not present when ALBERTSON gave his report.

BART said that ALBERTSON proposed the dissolution of the Industrial Sections in the New York District, and the placing of all members in Community Sections.

According to BART, the report of BEN DAVIS did not agree with that of ALBERTSON. Further, DAVIS asked why the National Executive Committee was discussing the New York District instead of a revisionist District such as California. JAMES JACKSON told DAVIS that the California District had several hundred people at a meeting to hear a report on the Soviet Union, while the New York District had about sixteen people at a similar meeting, thus implying that the New York District was more of a revisionist District than the California District.

BART said that DAVIS also complained that the National Office of the Communist Party - USA is paying too much rent for office space and has too many "full timers".

According to BART, this discussion on the New York District is to be continued. He said that one answer to the criticism of DAVIS would be a proposal to combine national and district functions in New York City. Thus, one Labor Secretary or one Educational Secretary could handle both the work of the National Office and the New York District.

COMMENTS OF CG 5824-S*

There is a good possibility that a struggle will develop prior to or during the National Convention between the supporters of EUGENE DENNIS and those of BEN DAVIS and WILLIAM Z. FOSTER. While it is apparent that the reports of BILL ALBERTSON and BEN DAVIS regarding the New York District were not in agreement, this does not mean that DAVIS and ALBERTSON will not maneuver together prior to and at the National Convention.

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TO : SAC (100-31934)

DATE: JUL 10 1959

FROM : SA [redacted] b6 b7C

SUBJECT: CP - New Bedford-Fall River
IS - C

From: [redacted]

Concealment and Reliability:

BS T- [redacted], who has furnished reliable information in the past,

Date and Description:

Attendance by PHILIP BART at Communist Party meeting [redacted]
[redacted]

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Date Received:

6/26/59

Received by:

SA [redacted]

Location:

[redacted]

In view of the sensitivity of this informant, the utmost care must be utilized to carefully paraphrase this information prior to dissemination in order to protect the identity of this informant.

CG: 2-New York (100-56579 PHILIP BART) R.M. Index to [redacted]

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- 100-20778 CP-MEMBERSHIP
- 100-19374 CP-LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES
- 100-23165 CP-DOMESTIC ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES
- 100-26893 CP-STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY
- 100-31934 CP-NEW BEDFORD, FALL RIVER

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Informant's written report, dated 6/22/59,
follows:

[redacted]
[redacted] asked
if the comrades could meet [redacted]
[redacted] day in
and could not accommodate the group at his house -
[redacted] - this call was made at 7:30 P.M

✓ "The following comrades were present at this
meeting [redacted]
[redacted] on the
stout side gray hair - has a peculiar accent that
could be taken for Jewish or Irish) - PHIL BART and
[redacted]

[redacted] for this meeting.
First on the agenda to be discussed was the [redacted]
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[redacted] on the
[redacted] that all the locals
in the F. R. Building Trades council was opposed to
the Kennedy Bill - and that [redacted]
[redacted] has led the fight against the
Bill [redacted] also reported that the Textile Workers
were about to receive new proposals from the Textile
Manufacturers - and that the workers should be alerted -
the new proposals are as follows - Weaving from 60
Looms to 104 - and from 8 + 10 + 15 spinning frame
sides to 40 sides -

[redacted] the
Textile Manufactures proposal - but did not know what
they were. [redacted] said that he was glad that HOFFA
was going a good job against the Kennedy Bill in
Boston.

[redacted] Imagine HOFFA speaking at a
Catholic Communion Breakfast before 2500 Teamsters-
blastering the Kennedy Bill - [redacted] HOFFA was a
great Labor Leader.

[redacted] - What this country needs is more Socialism among the working class.

[redacted] told about his labor struggles back in the 1920's - [redacted] during the 1922 General Textile Strike.

[redacted] - I was in the middle of that strike and I don't remember you as a leader then - [redacted] - I was next to the man who was [redacted] by hired New York thugs who were deputised - these thugs also wounded many more.

[redacted] - I was a member and not a leader at that time.

[redacted] that he was trying hard to live up to party principals in labor & Political Philosophy- but also being very careful not to have anyone suspect of his membership in the party.

[redacted] - I am an exposed and admitted communist and [redacted] but we are always very careful not to jeopardise [redacted] in the community.

[redacted] work was outstanding in behalf of the workers and that it was too bad the public can't be informed that the communists are really the champions of the working class

"PHIL BART said the biggest problem confronting the Party to-day is comrades working for the benefit of labor and unable to expose themselves as party members - that problem exists all over the country and the Party has no answer to that problem. PHIL said - the workers are benefitting by the activities of the unexposed comrades - but is the Party gaining in strength - or are we increasing membership even to a small number of 3 in each district - the answer is no - but as I said - the party leaders have not solved that problem.

"PHIL - said that the party must recruit every available means of propaganda against the Kennedy Ervin Labor Bill and also to oppose the Textile

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proposals to the workers - PHIL - [redacted] -
You are a key comrade in the class war - I know
your labor background & reputation - PHIL said
further - you see I am a member of the New York
Industrial Board and I know the importance of your
position as Secretary of the Building Trades
Council - you are in a position to command labor
power - You will be supplied with up to date informa-
tion concerning the labor struggle.

"Later in conversation with [redacted]
[redacted] if he recalled [redacted]
[redacted] of U.T.W.A.F.E. and [redacted] and
in 1934 bolted from the A.F. of L. to C.I.O. [redacted] and
said he lost track of [redacted] but understood he was
down South.

[redacted]
was a well known comrade and that [redacted] was on some
Industrial Labor Committee down South -

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"p.s. When [redacted] PHIL BART
[redacted] that PHIL was taking [redacted]
[redacted]

LEADS

BOSTON DIVISION

At Providence, R.I.

Will attempt to identify [redacted] reported herein
as in attendance at this meeting from Rhode Island.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
SAC, BOSTON (100-20779) 7/9/59

TO :

DATE:

SA [redacted] b6
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FROM :

CP ORGANIZATION
IS - C

SUBJECT:

[redacted] was contacted on 6/29/59, by SA [redacted]
[redacted] at which time he furnished a three-page written
report dated 6/17/59, the original of which is maintained
as [redacted]

The identity of [redacted] should be concealed and
he should be described as having furnished reliable information
in the past.

His report is as follows:

"A Communist Party meeting was held [redacted] from
10 to 11:45 AM. at [redacted] Mass.

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"Apparently this was a hurriedly planned gathering.
Even [redacted] stated that she was unaware of the
meeting.

[redacted]

"The agenda consisted of the following:

- "1 [redacted]
- "2 [redacted]
- "3 [redacted]
- "4 [redacted]

"Each issue was briefly discussed and there was no
opposition.

"A person was introduced as Comrad Phil Bart from
New York and I venture to say it was his presence
that necessated the meeting.

✓ "Com. Phil favored the issues as having been well
chosen at the most convenient time. 100-56579-3519

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2- New York (1- 100-56579) (PHIL BART) (Info) (RM)
(1- 100-4931) (CP, USA) (Info) (RM)

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BOSTON COPIES:

134-91	[REDACTED]	
100-18211	(CP INDUSTRIAL GROUP)	b6
100-20778	(CP MEMBERSHIP)	b7C
100-16410	(CP POLITICAL ACTIVITIES)	b7D
100-24111	(CP NEGRO QUESTION)	
100-18169	(CP PAMPHLETS & PUBLICATIONS)	

[REDACTED]

100-24914 (PHIL BART)

"I must point out here that [redacted] wanted to have a personal visit [redacted] by someone in the C.P. But his brother [redacted] objected angrierly. [redacted] stated that the C.P. would get no different reception in person than in press and radio. In fact [redacted] insisted that a personal visit would be heading up a dead end street to be thrown out.

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✓ "Com. Phil stated that he had another groupe to meet with later that day and that the next day he and the D.O. had to map out plans to deal with issues on the agenda of the AM. meeting. A list of names of people that were to be contacted -- when and by whome.

"This meeting was attended by [redacted] and [redacted] Phil Bart of N. Y. Discription of Com. Phil. Jewish -- Fair complection mid-fifties -- 150 lb -- light brown hair -- listens patiently -- gestues with the finger pointing hand motion when talking -- soft spoken with good deliverance.

"During the meeting some time was given to the question of the Negro in America with reference directly at the case of rape and so on. Locally it was decided that the whole affair would result in trickery instead of Justice, -- retaliation -- ignoring the Court's decision and vandalism.

"Com. Phil was of the opposit_ oponion. He reiterated that any and all issues concerning the Negro people had a good stand now. All because on an international scale Uncle Sam wants a good picture for world attention, particularly now.

"This is all the information I have at this time."

All necessary action has been taken with respect to the above information.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-56579)

DATE: 7/17/59

FROM : SAC, BOSTON (100-24914)

SUBJECT: PHILIP BART
IS - C

Re: Boston airtel 6/4/59.

There are enclosed for the New York Office office memoranda containing information received from [redacted] on 6/26/59 concerning a recent visit of captioned subject to the Massachusetts area. These memoranda are captioned, "CP ORGANIZATION, IS - C" under date of 7/9/59, and "CP - New Bedford-Fall River, IS - C" under date of 7/10/59.

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The New York Office will be advised in the event of the development of any additional information relative to BART's visit to this area. - RUC

- 2 - New York (100-56579) (Encs. 2) (RM)
- 1 - Boston (100-24914)
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM * UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-68)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-33740)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY - USA
MEMBERSHIP
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

DATE: 7/17/59

CARE SHOULD BE USED IN HANDLING AND REPORTING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE IDENTITY OF A HIGHLY PLACED INFORMANT.

CG 5824-S*, on July 9, 1959, orally furnished to SA JOHN E. KEATING the information on the following page. This oral information was reduced to writing on July 16, 1959:

- 2 - Bureau (REGISTERED)
- 1 - Indianapolis (100-3474) (CP-USA, Indiana District, Membership) (REGISTERED)
- 1 - Milwaukee (100-42-) (CP-USA, Wisconsin District, Membership) (REGISTERED)
- 2 - New York (REGISTERED)
 - (1 - 100-80638) (CP-USA, Membership)
 - (1 - 100-56579) (PHIL BART)
- 1 - Oklahoma City (100-) (CP-USA, State of Oklahoma, Membership) (REGISTERED)
- 1 - Omaha (100-4130) (CP-USA, State of Nebraska, Membership) (REGISTERED)
- 1 - St. Louis (100-7448) (CP-USA, Missouri District, Membership) (REGISTERED)
- 3 - Chicago
 - (1 - A/134-46)
 - (1 - 100-18952) (CP-USA, Illinois District, Membership)

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July 9, 1959

During the week of July 5, 1959, PHIL BART, National Organization Secretary of the Communist Party - USA, had in his possession figures pertaining to dues payments by several Mid-western Districts. The following is a list of these figures:

Illinois

1958: 841
1959: 1,973

It is not known how many months are involved in the figure for 1958. However, this figure will be included in the computation of dues payments for the year 1959. The figure of 1,973 represents dues payments in the first six months of 1959.

Indiana

1958: 228
1959: 0

It is not known whether or not the figure for 1958 includes the entire year or only what will be credited to 1959.

Wisconsin

1958: 156
1959: 49

It is not known whether or not the figure for 1958 includes the entire year or only what will be credited to 1959.

Nebraska

1958: 206
1959: 48

Missouri (102)

1958: --
1959: --

No dues payments were indicated for either 1958 or 1959. The significance of the figure of 102 in parenthesis is not known.

Oklahoma

1958: 36
1959: 36

All will be counted as 1959 dues.

It appears that the National Office of the Communist Party - USA will be lenient in attributing dues collected in the latter part of 1958, or 1958 dues collected in the early part of 1959 to 1959, for the purpose of determining the number of delegates a District is entitled to for the National Convention.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641)

DATE: 7/20/59

FROM : SA HAROLD P. QUINN (#415)

SUBJECT: CP, USA ORGANIZATION
IS-C /

On 6/17/59, NY 1750-S* advised that PHILIP and CONNIE BART had discussed various matters in their residence on that date.

CONNIE mentioned to PHILIP about meeting a person, who lived near there, who had been in the LYL when it was originally formed. She said that she saw this person last evening and he is in a cultural club in Manhattan and wants to transfer to the Brooklyn organization. She said he is presently with ABE MAGIL and SAM BARRON.

CONNIE commented that she would like to use him and start some type of cultural "deal" in Brooklyn. She said that this fellow knows a lot of people in Brooklyn, and might do the organization a lot of good. She said that there is a younger group coming into the Party all the time and some of the leadership, who thought nothing could be done without them, are going to find out differently.

- 1 - NY 100-5579 (PHILIP BART) (415)
- 1 - NY 100-12959 (CONNIE BART) (415)
- 1 - NY 100-26603-C43 (CP - KINGS) (422)
- 1 - NY 100-9352 (ABE MAGIL) (411)
- 1 - NY 100-52331 (SAM BARRON)
- 1 - NY 100-15946 (JIM TORMEY) (416)
- 1 - NY 100-13483 (BETTY GANNETT) (416)
- 1 - NY 100-80641

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PHILIP then commented that there is going to be a lot of trouble in the fall at the national convention with the Left-wing to which CONNIE commented that this is probably true, and that there is no doubt that JIM (TORMEY) could do a lot of good for the Brooklyn organization in this regard.

CONNIE asked PHILIP if he sees much of BETTY (GANWETT) to which PHILIP said he does occasionally at meetings but that she has very few dealings with anyone in the national office except HY LUMER.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)

DATE: 7/20/59

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641)

SUBJECT: CP, USA - ORGANIZATION
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CARE MUST BE UTILIZED IN HANDLING AND REPORTING
THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION SINCE ITS VERY NATURE TENDS TO
IDENTIFY A SENSITIVE AND HIGHLY PLACED INFORMANT.

On 6/12/59, NY 2359-S* advised that on above date a meeting of National CP functionaries was held in the 3rd floor board room, CP Headquarters, 23 W. 26th St., NYC.

On 6/15/59, CG 5824-S* advised that a meeting described as the Foreign Affairs Committee, CP, USA was held on 6/12/59 in NYC. This informant stated that EUGENE DENNIS was chairman of the meeting which was held solely to hear a report on Latin America by MORRIS CHILDS.

In attendance at this meeting were the following:

- 4- Bureau (100-3-69) (RM)
 - (1- 100-3-81) (CP, USA-INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS)
 - (1- 64-200-307) (COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES IN LATIN AMERICA)
- 3- Chicago (RM)
 - (1- 134-46)
 - (1- 100-3470) (MORRIS CHILDS)
- 2- Cleveland (RM)
 - (1- 100-421) (GUS HALL)
- 1- New York (100-8057) (EUGENE DENNIS) (415)
- ①- New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (422)
- 1- New York (100-16785) (JAMES JACKSON) (415)
- 1- New York (100-16021) (ARNOLD JOHNSON) (415)
- 1- New York (100-13444) (JOE NORTH) (422)
- 1- New York (100-48033) (IRVING POTASH) (415)
- 1- New York (100-18065) (JACK STACHEL) (415)
- 1- New York (100-86624) (CP, USA-INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS) (415)
- 1- New York (100-80641) (415)

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EUGENE DENNIS, MORRIS CHILDS, JAMES E. JACKSON,
GUS HALL, IRVING POTASH, ARNOLD JOHNSON, JACK STACHEL,
JOE NORTH and PHIL BART.

The following are the highlights and most
important statements made at the above meeting as reported
by NY 2359-S*:

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REMARKS OF MORRIS CHILDS

In that book, "What we Ought to Know About Communism," HARRY and BONARO OVERSTREET (PH) had a section dealing with Latin America and the so-called Communist theory of the strategy of boldness.....That is viewing the hemisphere as a whole. They put it forth of course, in order to point to the dangers that US imperialism faces because of the unity of the various Communist Parties in the approach to the problem of Latin America. They even go into the population of the Communists percentage wise as compared to the northern Parties.

They put forward this theory of the "strategy of boldness" for altogether different reasons than we might do. They want to show that Latin America, the various Latin American countries are decidedly in league with the United States and that they must remain an imperialist preserve.....By using this scare of the strategy of boldness on the part of Communists they hope to unite the bourgeoisie.....in order to get them out of their lethargy and so they will understand the seriousness of the situation in Latin America. Of course our ideas of international solidarity require that we fight our own exploiters who now hold Latin America in a grip. oppress the people..... We should help them by fighting against world imperialism so that they can break this yoke of exploitation.

I want to deal briefly with four things:

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NY 100-80641

1. A brief statement of the current situation in Latin America.
2. The role of the CP.
3. The ideological questions involved.
4. The tasks "we" have in this field of struggle.

We know that most of Latin America at this moment from Cape Horn to the Florida Straights is in a state of unrest, upheaval, and revolution. We can also note....that many of the cruel dictators are now history in Spanish speaking America.....Last week there was an article in "The New York Times"..... concerning the danger signs of deep unrest. Of course added to some of the struggles that have taken place recently there are the new struggles in Brazil, Colombia, Argentina, the Dominican Republic, and other places. I think we have to view this problem in a broader sense. Some writers for the bourgeoisie came to understand as we do that the colonial system is disintegrating. Together with the emergence of a world-wide system of socialism...the struggle is spreading and this is one of the distinguishing features of the present. These revolutions that are taking place now in Latin American countries are not like the old palace revolutions....These are revolutions based upon economic and social fact. The dictators would wish that it were like the old days where they could replace one dictator with another.

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A. A. BERLE (PH), JR. in a recent issue in the "Reporter" opened up by saying that Latin America is entering a new and possibly crucial stage..... He says the issue is whether the southern section of our hemisphere stays with the democratic left.....He goes on to say that for the first time since the Monroe Doctrine was proclaimed in 1823, the Americas could break in two. "I" think that BERLE is not far from the truth. In his conclusions he says that the revolutions in Latin America could go in either direction, either in the direction of Washington or in another direction. He (BERLE) does not know which way it will go. He has a program which he thinks, if put into effect might still lead the Latin American revolutions in the direction of Washington and imperialism or as he says toward the free world.....

The bourgeoisie now admit that the changes taking place in Latin America are deep.....economic and social changes. Only this morning we saw the note of the American Government to the Cuban Government protesting against the new land reform law.....The independent movement in Latin America cannot be separated from the broad movement that has developed in Asia, and Africa. Undoubtedly these movements for independence have the strength and chance for success.....greater now than ever before.....In the various discussions among the Latin American Parties, we get the idea that the Parties, though they may fall in some cases, they are not all at fault. They have roots among the masses and this is a very important feature. This is reminiscent of the days of 1913 in Russia, where on the surface the capitalist regime looked strong, seemed to have power, and it was thought almost impossible that such a regime could be overthrown..... The same holds true in the majority of the countries in Latin America.

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Another very important question in many of the Latin American countries with the possible exception of one or two there are Communist Parties. No matter what their size they are functioning, they are working, they are making time with the masses. American imperialism has not the prestige it had a few years ago in fact we can say that the prestige of recent years has hit a low, especially in the Middle East. As we all know imperialism intervened in Lebanon..... This loss of prestige on the part of American imperialism could not stop the revolutionary movement for independence in the Mid-East. This had a terrific influence in Latin America, and a terrific influence on large masses of the bourgeoisie.....

We should have a better idea of the role that US imperialism plays in every phase of life in this or that Latin American country. The Latin American Parties are resolving some important ideological, and tactical questions. One of the ideological questions is when does the national bourgeoisie play a progressive role? Can they participate in the anti-imperialist struggle? Some of these Parties have committed serious errors either in overestimating the role of the bourgeoisie or in underestimating it. In one of the recent issues of the "World Marxist Review", Comrade RODNEY (PH) deals with this question in great detail..... We cannot treat this question lightly..... The Iranian comrades have developed a thesis which has been published recently which goes into this problem. The general conclusion of most of the Parties..... is that despite exaggeration the national bourgeoisie in the main can still play an anti-imperialist role..... The common feature

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of a national liberation revolution is that the national bourgeoisie participate and I am in agreement with such conclusions.

Now comrades some other problems and that is can revolutions stand still. History shows that political movements and a revolution even if they succeed temporarily cannot halt. They either go forward or reaction sets in. They have to move in a certain direction or reaction can take over. We have..... the situation in the bulk of the Latin American countries at the present time.....

In discussing the forward march of the revolution and resolving some of these basic problems of class relationship, the Party sets itself very simple tasks..... in a general manner but that it should be taken up later in many concrete forms. What is the first task of every Communist Party in Latin America in this revolutionary situation? It is to strengthen themselves among the working class. First of all to begin to work in the trade unions. They should put that task #1. The intensification of the (mass) liberation movement is also a task. Task #3 is the solution of economic and political problems
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In Latin America..... not all of the struggles in the various countries are on the same level. Some are on a higher level as is the case in Cuba and Venezuela, but when the masses in one country start a struggle and a revolution, let's say as at the present in Cuba, this spreads..... This is the way the revolutions are developing in Latin America. It is like the struggle against war. One country alone cannot do it but many countries together could fight and defeat war mongers. We can see, as the comrades in these various countries say, that every blow against US imperialism in Latin America is at the same time a blow for international peace.

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This struggle then cannot be separated from the world situation and struggle for peace. The struggle against US imperialism is the main struggle for peace and international freedom. Imperialism without colonies is a (false) imperialism and a much weaker imperialism and, therefore, the struggles in Latin America assume the greatest significance. Now comrades let's see how the Venezuelan Party went through their revolution and continued its struggle. I am not dealing with the Cuban situation because JOE (NORTH ?) has reported to the committee here. We are more or less acquainted with the situation in Cuba as of now. The Venezuelan Party started the struggle against the dictatorship there. It was a small party of some 350 members, all of them underground with the exception of a score here and there working for what they called the legal organizations. But nevertheless, they succeeded in setting up a united front of four Parties. The program consisted of only two demands in order to get the broadest possible support. This program was agreed to by two of the biggest Parties..... and despite the number, the Communist Party was considered the second biggest (one ?). The first demand was the overthrow of the dictatorship and the second demand was the establishment of constitutional liberties. The dictatorship was in the hands of the (much hated ?) bourgeoisie and a few feudal "hangers on" who acted as agents for US imperialism. They were supported in every possible way by US imperialism. They in turn supported the US policy of the cold war and the policy of war against the people and against socialism.

The dictatorship was a corrupt one and sometimes we use this term in a general way, but the comrades in Latin America explained how this (clique) would sell out

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their country. An individual would sign a contract and give away a factory, a city, a mining field, or an oil field: They would not put it before the governing body for approval or rejection or even discussion..... and so US firms plundered all of Venezuela. Every class with the exception of a small group of the (special ?) bourgeoisie was dissatisfied; The national bourgeoisie in the main was dissatisfied as well as some bankers and a large section of the land owning class. The wage earning class was dissatisfied and wanted higher wages, demanded the right to organize and so on..... It even went into the army, yes even within the officers' corps. The Army was full of contradictions with the bulk of the Army against the repressions..... and the American Military (Mission ?) participated directly in running the country.....that suppressed the people and jailed the people. They even carried on terror within the military.....

The Communist Party carried on the struggle for democratic freedom, for unity of all who wanted to fight the dictatorship. They urged the formation of an anti-imperialist (struggle ?) and at the same time urged the working class to form their own trade union. The Party continued at the same time to urge (utilization ?) of large sections of the bourgeoisie, to work amongst doctors and bankers, though not concentrating upon them..... The Party kept emphasizing that all should unite against the dictatorship..... It is only after the setting up of a true Democratic Government, the Party said that we shall work out a program and resolve our ideological differences.....

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were some voices against the broad united front. Some thought that the broader struggle, the sharp struggle, was to be conducted against the national bourgeoisie. Yes even against those instead of against the dictatorship and American imperialists....., but the Party in the main, remains firm. It (fears ?) the influences which separated the Party from the masses and it (fears ?) bringing this policy of a broad united front into the legal organization. Carrying on a lot of political work..... and a cadre was trained in the struggle..... It was the correct policy that made it possible..... to take the power and to proceed in the setting up of a more orderly democratic machine. American imperialists worked feverishly during this period. First of all they were not getting through and when they saw the possibility of the overthrow of the dictatorship, they began to make overtures to the so-called opposition..... They were afraid of a repetition in Venezuela of what took place in Colombia. You remember when the masses got out on the street and used their power to smash the corrupt regime. The American imperialists thought that they could still guide this situation and prevent the masses from participating in the overthrow of the dictatorship, but because of the Party's timing for the masses, the strike of November 21, 1957 was decisive. It was this strike and the demonstration of bringing the people out on the street that made it possible to defeat the maneuvers of US imperialism and overthrow the dictatorship.

At that time, the Party had not only groups in the trade unions, but established groups in the neighborhoods, student organizations and so on.....

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The Communist Party alone played a decisive role in the struggle on the street. And in May, 1957, when there was another danger to the revolution, here again the Party used its influences particularly in the Printers' Union which gave the signal for the general strike, and at the same time began to stress the economic demands which mobilized more and more workers and put an end to this treatment, to this threat. Of course, on January 21 and 22, the big strike movement paralyzed (Everything ?)..... and the revolution was assured. Then the Communist Party told the people that a new situation had arisen. The Communist Party came out in the open and was now a legal party. That is how we have got to prepare for more major attacks.

The Party put out demands for a free press, for all freedom. The Party praised those (flyers ?) and the military was lined up with the people against the threat of a dictatorship coming back. The Communist Party gave its support to the temporary (junta ?). The Party began to rebuild itself and four months later the Communist Party in Venezuela could claim a membership of 27,000 and a youth organization of 31,000. That was about the middle of last year.

Informant advised that an unidentified individual interrupted CHILDS to ask "What did you say for the youth?" Continuing, CHILDS remarked "31,000", 350 to 27,000. I am not sure of the exact date but before last Fall..... What I am talking about here comrades is not based upon reports of one individual. The Communist Party, after that situation, organized itself in a series of plenary sessions, month after month, where they had to hammer out a line and had to come to some conclusions.

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The Party as I said before gave the political leadership to the masses: First of all the masses in the trade unions and the masses on the streets.....But we made some serious mistakes. I am speaking now of the Party itself, one of the most serious mistakes..... They (counterpoised ?) the USSR vs. Imperialism; They feel that they (counterpoised ?) it too early in the stage of the revolution. It was a very serious mistake that caused them some serious set backs for a short period of time until they recognized that mistake.

For example, they charged that the (masses ?) were not clear in their understanding of what is imperialism. They even charged some people with being agents of imperialism, ordinary workers, ordinary middle class personalities, as being conscious agents of imperialism because they did not have the time..... or did not accept the policies of a break with imperialism..... as followed by the socialist countries. In the early stage of the revolution, the Communist Party did not have a concrete overall program. They had some plans.....but they did not have an overall concrete program. For example how were they going to correct the situation. US imperialism dominates the economy. US imperialism which was..... a dictatorship dominated all political and social life. They had to work out a program and they committed another serious mistake in trying to work out a program. In being self-critical they failed to ask them (the masses) what they really wanted..... This error really originated in the underground and it was only after they (had) contact with the people who participated in the revolution that they saw that this was bad..... was incorrect and cost them dearly. They immediately set about to correct it.

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When they set about to correct the error they began to grow..... because they (began to ask ?) how they can influence all progressives..... The Party has to convince the masses the working class, and peasants, and other sections of the population that it is the leader of the revolution.....

At the time of the revolution there were 4000 political prisoners and they had to be released . It was only after the Party recognized its mistakes, that it began an ideological battle inside the (Party ?) They began to learn from the 20th Congress of the CPSU and the Chinese Party and began to use self-criticism. It had to carry on a struggle against the cult of the personality which (broke into ?) their Party too. It was only after this that they really began to grow and express themselves. The masses began to look to the Party for ideological leadership. Then they began to work not only in the trade unions but among the women and the youth and the Party was represented not only through its own organizations..... but actually was represented including mass organizations. That is people speaking with the ideology of the Party but representing organizations that were much broader than the Communist Party.

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REMARKS OF MORRIS CHILDS CONTINUED

They were (strong?), first of all in the trade union movement. The Party, of course, had to form a ... because there was no present organization. They had to form them in order to get going and this mass work enabled them to get out of their (crisis?)... especially their hard work amongst the factory workers. The Communist Party is now first amongst the trade union and amongst the students. The Communist Party, in order to continue the influence in trade unions, has encouraged students to go into the factories for at least a year

The Party ... put forth a slogan which (stimulated?) a lot of influence. One, it demanded a real democratic government, two, government must be anti-feudal and anti-imperialist ... Now three candidates out of the four agreed to these demands in the last election and one candidate who did not agree did not dare to openly oppose these demands. The Party used the elections in order to popularize the demands and to make them understood and expose the enemies of the people. The reactionaries should not be underestimated as they were still quite active but the interesting thing is that even the other parties, which were made up of other classes ... used the Communist Party as a (test?) force. That is ... they would come to the Communist Party to talk things over and to seek advice.

What were the slogans that the reactionaries used so successfully? First of all they said Communists are foreign agents; that the Communists work for the Soviet Union; that the Communist Party believes in force and violence; that the Communist Party grabbed the (archives?) of the police and they intend to use this in order to destroy large sections of the population if they did not agree with them. The Party has to struggle and continue to struggle in order to expose the fraud that is contained in these slogans.

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Informant noted that at this point the speaker was interrupted and asked a question, but this information was not available to the informant.

In apparant answer to the question, CHILDS stated that what he meant was they carried on meetings, demonstrations, street meetings, etc. Now, of course, remember, this is all telescoped for a particular short period of time, so I don't know how successful they are. They claim that they are meeting with success as you can see by their growth and, of course, their influence in the trade union movement...

The fact of the matter is that they (denounced?) the candidate that won ... They (compelled?) the winning candidate to keep in line and not fight against some that they had put forward. They had many problems to solve ... like financial independence. ... for a time they also had opposition from the right ... but their problem was the failure that we spoke of before, that which grew out of the underground situation, this sectarianism. This sectarianism, of course, was overcome by the process of mass work. Also, this ... sectarianism united the Party because they had a greater tie-in with the masses. They are going to resolve these problems and they are working on a basic program, and they are working on a (liberal?) program for the united front.

There is a couple of other situations which they did not take into consideration prior to the election, but they did give consideration to the fact that 47 per cent of the people did vote against ... The leading candidate got 53 per cent of the vote and the opposition 47 per cent. They have four Senators in the legislature and they have seven Congressmen. They are doing some work in many places that we can't even conceive of working... I spoke, Comrades, of only one party.

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Part of the working class belongs to the same union but they ... work for a fifth of the wages, sometimes a tenth of the wages, that the American or the white worker gets for the same job in the area. If he is an American he gets \$2.50 an hour but if he is Panamanian he gets .50 for the very same job. The union officials do nothing about it ... We should pay attention to some of these problems ... There was an underestimation of the bourgeoisie within the regime ... They underestimated the power of the masses at the crucial moment and the petty bourgeoisie influence prevailed and the regime was overthrown.

What I have to say is that - built itself carrying on its work. It is still underground but has established certain legal positions. It also executed a very deft maneuver during the election campaign wherein it succeeded in mobilizing 70 per cent of the votes against candidates of United States imperialists ...

I would summarize as follows: One, United States imperialism is continuing its policy of interfering in the affairs of every Latin American country, two, the struggle against United States imperialism must be continued and intensified. The broad struggle for peace needs to be unfolded and this is the main general task. Therefore, the people of Latin America demand a broad hemispheric conference for peace. It looks as if this conference may take place sometime this year and there is agreement that such a conference needs to be held. Now I understand that preparations and plans for such a conference are now going on ... I understand also, that another people's congress is also in the making and this will be a congress of all people of Latin America. No one will be excluded. All people who are interested in the control and independence of Latin America will be welcome.

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Informant advised that CHILDS further remarked that there was no overall Latin American tradeunion organization. He said that Latin Americans were organizing trade unions on a regional basis.

Informant advised that a question and answer period followed but the added security of the blackboard was utilized and this information was not available to the informant.

IRVING POTASH stated that the tremendous spirit that exists among the Latin American people in this counrty (United States) should be utilized. He said that the idea of "Cuban American Friendship Organizations" could play a very important role. POTASH suggested further that one or two people should be designated to make a survey and bring in a report.

EUGENE DENNIS indicated that he was in favor of the above mentioned "frienship" matter.

The meeting ended and it was indicated that another meeting of this group would be held on 6/25/59.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM * * UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-75)
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-18956)
SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY - USA
ILLINOIS DISTRICT
NEGRO QUESTION
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

DATE: 7/20/59

Re Chicago letter dated July 2, 1959.

CARE SHOULD BE USED IN HANDLING AND REPORTING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IN ORDER TO FULLY PROTECT THE IDENTITY OF A HIGHLY PLACED INFORMANT.

CG 5824-S*, on July 13, 1959, orally furnished to SA JOHN E. KEATING the information on the following pages. This oral information was reduced to writing on July 16, 1959:

- 2 - Bureau (REGISTERED)
- 1 - Los Angeles (100-) (PETTIS PERRY) (REGISTERED)
- 1 - Baltimore (100-12485) (CP-USA, Negro Question) (REGISTERED)
- 4 - New York (REGISTERED)
 - (1 - 100-80640) (CP-USA, Negro Question)
 - (1 - 100-7629) (Cominfil - NAACP)
 - (1 - 100-56579) (PHIL BART)
 - (1 - [redacted])
- 1 - Norfolk (100-) (CP-USA, Negro Question) (REGISTERED)
- 1 - Richmond (100-) (CP-USA, Negro Question) (REGISTERED)
- 1 - Washington Field (100-) (CP-USA, Negro Question) (REGISTERED)
- 12 - Chicago
 - (1 - A/134-46)
 - (1 - 100-17769) (CP-USA, Illinois District, Funds)
 - (1 - 100-35579) (Cominfil - Chicago League of Negro Voters)
 - (1 - 100-8261) (Cominfil - NAACP)
 - (1 - 100-3470) (MORRIS CHILDS)
 - (1 - 100-21073) (LESTER DAVIS)
 - (1 - [redacted])
 - (1 - 100-) (BENNETT JOHNSON)
 - (1 - 100-2748) (SAM KUSHNER)
 - (1 - 61-867) (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT)
 - (1 - [redacted])

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July 13, 1959

It has been learned that on July 6, 1959, MORRIS CHILDS, member of the State Committee of the Communist Party of Illinois, gave \$500 to [redacted] of the Chicago League of Negro Voters. CHILDS was doing this on instructions of CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, Chairman of the Communist Party of Illinois, who had given CHILDS this sum from the Communist Party of Illinois funds.

[redacted] stated that he was going directly to New York City from Chicago on July 10, 1959, to attend the National Convention of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), and planned to return to Chicago on Tuesday, July 14, 1959. Thus, he would not make a trip to Baltimore and the Washington, D.C., area, as previously planned, in order to contact Negroes in regard to a possible national conference dealing with the rights of Negroes to vote in the South, anti-lynch legislation, FEPC, etc.

[redacted] stated that it is possible that [redacted] and BENNETT JOHNSON would go to Baltimore, Washington, and parts of Virginia for this purpose after the National Convention of the NAACP. [redacted] stated, however, that he now plans to contact people on a regional basis, particularly in Illinois, for the purpose of setting up a preliminary meeting. This preliminary meeting would serve as a starting point for a national conference to be held in a few months. [redacted] stated that he had discussed this revised plan with CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, and LIGHTFOOT is in agreement with it.

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In regard to someone from the National Office of the Communist Party - USA contacting [redacted] while he is in New York City, [redacted] stated that he did not want to stay at the Henry Hudson Hotel; however, he agreed to be at the Henry Hudson Hotel at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, July 11, 1959, for a contact, and if none was made at that time, he would return to the hotel at 10:00 P.M. on the same date.

During the week of July 5, 1959, PHIL BART, National Organization Secretary of the Communist Party - USA, stated that [redacted] should make this contact with [redacted] [redacted] has not given his telephone number nor his address to BART, so he had no way to contact him. BART also stated that PETTIS PERRY was responsible for the NAACP Convention in the absence of JAMES JACKSON from the National Office.

LESTER DAVIS, member of the District Committee of the Communist Party of Illinois, who planned to attend the NAACP Convention in New York City, agreed to contact the National Office of the Communist Party - USA to inform them that someone should meet [redacted] at the Henry Hudson Hotel on July 11, 1959.

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During the week of July 5, 1959, [redacted] was observed at the District Headquarters of the Communist Party of Illinois. [redacted] said that at the request of SAM KUSHNER, he had brought KUSHNER a story on the anti-lynch rally held in Chicago on July 5, 1959, under the sponsorship of the Chicago League of Negro Voters.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM ** UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (100-18953)

DATE: 7/21 /59

FROM : SA JOHN E. KEATING

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY - USA
ILLINOIS DISTRICT
ORGANIZATION
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

CG 5824-S*, on July 10, 1959, orally furnished to SA JOHN E. KEATING the information on the following page. This oral information was reduced to writing on July 16, 1959:

1 - New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (REGISTERED)
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(1 - 100-22018) (CP-USA, Illinois District, Doran Section)

(1 - 100-29190) (CP-USA, Illinois District, Douglass Section)

(1 - 100-22020) (CP-USA, Illinois District, Haywood Section)

(1 - 100-22023) (CP-USA, Illinois District, 12th Congressional Section)

(1 - 100-36238) (CP-USA, Illinois District, 13th Congressional Section)

(1 - 100-20277) (CELIA FARMILANT)

(1 - [REDACTED])

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(1 - 100-13332) (GRACE SARNAK)

(1 - 100-13151) (VICKI STARR)

(1 - 100-29411) (Dr. MARVIN ZIPORYN)

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July 10, 1959

PHIL BART, National Organization Secretary of the Communist Party - USA, attended a meeting of Community Section Organizers in the Communist Party of Illinois at the residence of [REDACTED] Chicago, on Tuesday evening, [REDACTED]

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BART stated that all Community Section Organizers were in attendance except VICKI STARR. Among those specifically mentioned by BART as being in attendance were [REDACTED] CELIA FARMILANT, GRACE SARNAK, and MARVIN ZIPORYN.

BART's only comment about the meeting was that he had an argument with GRACE SARNAK, Chairman of the Doran Section of the Communist Party of Illinois.

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-)

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On 6/25/59, NY 1750-S* advised that PHILIP and CONNIE BART had discussed a number of items in their apartment on that date.

PHILIP mentioned that he had attended a NEC meeting that day and he had seen MORRIS (CHILDS). He said that CHILDS wants them to stay with him while they are in Chicago if his wife is not too sick. She asked if CHILDS had anything else to say and he, PHILIP, said nothing but a report on some factional activity in the Chicago area.

CONNIE then commented about the activities of GENE DENNIS and she said that during the next National Convention he will not be able to sit tight because she did not think that GUS (HALL) would allow it.

PHILIP then commented that the NY organization should attract a lot more people if they just wanted to. He said they are looking for 300 but they could get as many as 500 by just putting an ad in the paper. He said

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1 - New York (100-56579) (PHILIP BART) (415)
1 - New York (100-12959) (CONNIE BART) (415)
1 - New York (100-84944) (GUS HALL) (415)
1 - New York (100-26603) (CP - NY STATE) (416)
1 - New York (100-8057) (GENE DENNIS)
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that they think they are getting a "raw deal" from the national office but that they occasionally have illusions of grandeur, and that when they get over it they will begin to show some progress and make some advances.

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-26603043) DATE: 7/21/59

FROM : SA HAROLD P. QUINN (422)

SUBJECT: CP, USA KINGS COUNTY
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On 6/23/59, NY 1637-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished photographs of information in the possession of PHILIP and CONNIE BART in their residence at 2415 Newkirk Ave., Bklyn., NY.

Among the information furnished by the source was a photograph of a typewritten page apparently containing the fund drive figures for the Kings County CP up to 6/25/58. It is noted that these figures also list the sections of the Kings County CP.

The page also contained a list of the literature sales as of 6/28/58, along with the "comparative work service" from February to May 1, 1958.

The original copy of this photograph is being made an attachment to the subject memorandum.

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-74151)

DATE: 7/21/59

FROM : SA HAROLD P. QUINN (415)

SUBJECT:

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On 6/23/59, NY 1637-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished photographs of information in the possession of PHILIP and CONNIE BART in their residence at 2415 Newkirk Ave., Bklyn., NY.

Among the information furnished by this source was a photograph of a piece of paper containing handwritten notations which was in the effects of CONNIE BART. This piece of paper is self-explanatory, and was apparently in CONNIE BART's possession for the purpose of recontacting the subject.

The original photograph of this information is being made an attachment to the subject memorandum.

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1 - NY 100-12959 (CONNIE BART) (415)
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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-107655) DATE: 7/21/59

FROM : SA HAROLD P. QUINN (415)

SUBJECT: b6
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Among the information furnished by this source was a photograph of a mimeographed Recruiting Form for the subject and

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-) DATE: 7/21/59

FROM : SA HAROLD P. QUINN (422)

SUBJECT: IRVING SATINOFF
SM - C

On 6/23/59, NY 1637-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished photographs of information in the possession of PHILIP and CONNIE BART in their residence at 2415 Newkirk Ave., Bklyn., NY.

Among the information furnished by this source was a photograph of a mimeographed Recruiting Form for the "Brooklyn Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy" for the subject.

This form was in the effects of CONNIE BART along with a number of other articles of a CP organizational nature.

1 - NY 100-56579 (PHILIP BART) (415)
1 - NY 100-12959 (CONNIE BART) (415)
1 - NY 100- (IRVING SATINOFF) (422)

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-56579)

FROM : SA FRANCIS J. COSTIGAN (422)

SUBJECT: PHILIP BART,
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DATE: 7/24/59

SOURCE: NY 1749-S*

DATE: 7/13/59

RELIABILITY: who has furnished reliable information in the past

On 7/13/59, NY 1749-S* advised that, on the same date, PHIL BART was in contact with MARCEL SCHERER and told him of his trip to the West and added that he went on business. SCHERER said that LENA SCHERER is on vacation.

BART said that CONNIE BART is in Patterson, New York, four miles south of Pawling.

BART stated that MORRIS (CHILDS) will be in next week if everything is alright.

1-NY 105-5767 (MARCEL SCHERER) (34)
 1-NY 100-34665 (LENA SCHERE) (34)
 1-NY 100-12959 (CONNIE BART) (415)
 1-NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART) (415)

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SA HAROLD P. QUINN (#115)

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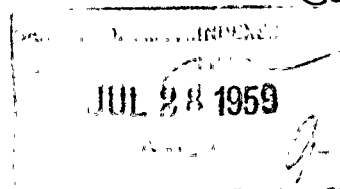
On 7/3/59, NY 1637-S* furnished photographs of information in the possession of PHIL and CORNIE BART at their residence. The original negative of these photographs are being made an exhibit in BART's New York file.

Among the information furnished by this source was a photograph of a piece of paper containing a number of hand written notes by PHILIP BART regarding various CP matters. Among those of interest are the dates of August 1 to 8 for a "School" and for the dates of September 10 through 13 for a Youth School.

Original photograph of this information is being made an attachment to the copy of this memorandum designated for the CP - Youth file.

1-NY (100-56579) (PHILIP BART)
1-NY (100-80644) (CP-YOUTH)
1-New York (100-80641)

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-56579) DATE: 28 JUL 1959

FROM : SA HAROLD P. QUINN (#415)

SUBJECT: PHILIP BART
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

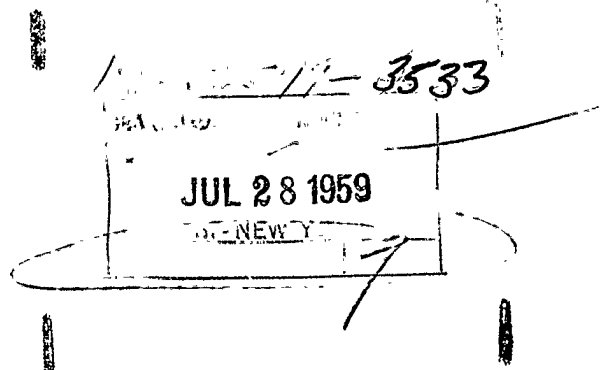
On 7/8/59, NY 1637-S* furnished photographs of information in the possession of PHILIP and CONNIE BART at their residence. The original negative of these photographs are being made an exhibit in BART's New York file.

Among the information furnished by the source was a photograph of a notebook page containing the hand written name of "AGNES WILLIS, 206 Clifton Place, Sterling 3-2114" and the notation Sunday May 31, 6 p.m.

The original photograph is being made an attachment to the copy of this memorandum designated for the WILLIS file.

1-NY (100-) (AGNES WILLIS) (#422)
1-New York (100-56579)

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SA HAROLD P. QUINN (#415)

CP, USA MEMBERSHIP
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On 6/23/59, NY 1637-S* furnished photographs of information in the possession of PHILIP and CONNIE BART at their residence. The original negatives of these photographs are being made an exhibit in PHILIP BART's subject file.

Among the information furnished by the source were photographs of five sheets of paper containing various hand written figures which are apparently membership figures and percentages for the NY State CP. Following below is a digest of these photographs, one copy of the original of which is being made an attachment to the subject file and another copy to the copy of the memorandum designated for the CP Membership NY State file.

Negro - 95 - 6.1%
Puerto Rican - 9 - .5%
Italian - 41 - 2.6%
Jew - 67 7/10 %

Westchester 50 - 100% -
Bronx - 233 of 270 (863 %)
Manhattan 447 of 555 (799) -
Brooklyn 285 of 282 (101) -
Queen 88 of 150 (58.6) -
Nassau 61 of 100
Suffolk
Upstate 85 of 100
Indust. 460 of 860 (53 1/2)

- 1-NY (100-12959) (CONSTANCE BART (#415))
- 1-NY (100-56579) (PHILIP BART) (#415)
- 1-NY (100-) (CP-MEMBERSHIP NEW YORK CITY (#416))
- 1-NY (100-) (CP- ORGANIZATION NEW YORK CITY (#416))
- 1-NY (100-26603 C43) (CP-KINGS COUNTY (#422))
- 1-NY (100-26603 C42) (CP-MANHATTAN) (#416)
- 1-NY (100-26603 C40) (CP-BRONX) (#421)
- 1-NY (100-26603 C41) (CP-QUEENS) (#423)
- 1-NY (100-26603 CC) (CP-NASSAU) (#414)
- 1-New York (100-80538)

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On another sheet of paper appears figures indicating that the registration at the time the notes were written related that 1,578 members of a previous years total of 2,371 had been registered for a percentage of 66½%. There were also figures for the number of negro members (total 95) in the various sections of the New York Organization according to borough. There is also the figures for the industrial registration including a break down according to production service, white collar and unemployed. There is also a note that the garment section will register a 150 out of 205 members and that they had lost all of the maritime section, a number between 20 and 25. The notes also contained figures of the number of Puerto Ricans (9) in the CP along with Italians, which is 41, and Jewish which is 67 7/10% of the New York State Membership.

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641)

COMMUNIST PARTY, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
ORGANIZATION
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On 7/8/59, NY 1037-S* furnished photographs of information in the possession of PHILIP and CONNIE BART at their residence. The original negative of these photographs are being made an exhibit in BART's New York file.

Among the information furnished by the source was a photograph of a sheet of paper containing hand written notes in PHILIP BART's handwriting. These notes appear to be relative to a meeting of the Administrative Committee of the New England District which met with BART on 6/12/59. It is noted that information has been previously furnished from various sources that BART was in Boston on CP business during this period and it is also known that he did attend such a meeting.

The original copy of this photograph is being made an enclosure to this letter to Boston for their information.

1-Boston (100-) (ENCL. 1) (RM)
1-Boston (100-) (ANN TIMPSON) (RM)
1-Boston (100-) (HOMER CHASE) (RM)
1-Boston (100-) (LOU JOHNSON) (RM)
1-Boston (100-) (OTIS HOOD) (RM)
1-NY (100-56579) (PHILIP BART)
1-New York (100-80641)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-56579) DATE: 28 JUL 1959

FROM : SA HAROLD P. QUINN (#415)

SUBJECT: PHILIP BART
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

On 7/2/59, NY 1750-S* furnished information regarding a conversation which took place between the subject and his wife at their residence, on that date. CONNIE mentioned that BEN (DAVIS) is a "prima donna" even when he makes a good speech with concrete points. She said she always feels that when he makes such a talk it is very measured and that he is merely saying what he thinks should be said. She said that DAVIS has less concern for people than any one she has ever met in the CP. PHIL agreed with her on this point. CONNIE continued saying that DAVIS' relations with women members is very poor and that he handles them like dirt. PHIL commented that he knew that DAVIS does not bother with the NY CP Organization and that he leaves everything to BILL (ALBERTSON). CONNIE then commented that she would be very happy if at the NY State Convention they abolished DAVIS' job.

PHIL and CONNIE then discussed BETTY GANNETT who is apparently very ill. PHIL mentioned that you could not talk to her about it and that she had passed out while taking a series of medical tests. PHIL said that he told her she should go home but that she said that she could not because she had too much to do.

PHIL and CONNIE then discussed people going on vacation and PHIL mentioned that BILL STANLEY was leaving that day for his. She said that JIM JACKSON was going to Texas on his vacation and that ARNOLD was taking some time off. PHIL mentioned that he thinks ARNOLD (JOHNSON) does a lot of work.

1-NY (100-12959) (CONSTANCE BART) (#415)
 1-NY (100-23825) (BEN DAVIS) (#416)
 1-NY (100-129629) (BILL ALBERTSON) (#416)
 1-NY (100-13483) (BETTY GANNETT) (#416)
 1-NY (100-82206) (BILL STANLEY) (#425)
 1-NY (100-16785) (JIM JACKSON) (#415)
 1-NY (100-16021) (ARNOLD JOHNSON)
 1-New York (100-56579)

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641)

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SA HAROLD P. QUINN (#415)

COMMUNIST PARTY, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

On 7/1/59, NY 1750-S* furnished information regarding a conversation which took place between PHILIP and CONNIE BART at their residence on that date. PHILIP asked CONNIE how the previous evening's meeting (Kings County CP Committee) had been and she answered that they had discussed the Glendale, (Queens) issue among other things. She said that the questions of JIM's (TORMEY) job came up after 10:30 p.m. and BEN (DAVIS) made the proposal. She said that DAVIS' proposal was very general. She said after DANNY (RUBEL) spoke about the last meeting of the County Board she said that ALLAN (LAWS) was the next speaker and he spoke about his reasons for abstaining from the vote. She said then PAT spoke and did absolutely nothing to help the situation. She said that DAVIS spoke and disagreed with LAWS and his intention and later when she was driving LAWS home he was very upset about this. She said that [redacted] was with them in the car and she agreed with LAWS. She said [redacted] spoke and he was very rambly and general.

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- 1-NY (100-12959) (CONSTANCE BART) (#415)
- ①-NY (100-56579) (PHILIP BART) (#415)
- 1-NY (100-23825) (BEN DAVIS) (#416)
- 1-NY (100-117158) (DANNY RUBEL) (#422)
- 1-NY (100-99369) (ALLAN LAWS) (#425)
- 1-NY (100-15946) (JIM TORMEY) (#425)
- 1-NY [redacted] (#422)
- 1-NY (100- [redacted]) (#422)
- 1-New York (100-80641)

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COMMUNIST PARTY, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
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INTERNAL SECURITY - C

On 7/8/59, NY 1637-S* furnished photographs of information in the possession of PHILIP and CONNIE BART at their residence. The original negative of these photographs are being made an exhibit in BART's New York file.

Among the information furnished by this source was a photograph of a sheet of paper containing handwriting, apparently that of CARL WINTER. This writing is a request to the Committee on Convention Rules for the National Committee to set the next National Convention of the CP, USA, for Cleveland, Ohio. The request is signed "CARL W."

The original copy of this photograph is being sent as an enclosure to this letter to Detroit for their information.

1-Detroit (100-) (ENCL. 1) (RM)
1-Detroit (100-) (CARL WINTER) (RM)
1-Cleveland (INFO) (RM)
1-NY (100-56579) (PHILIP BART)
1-New York (100-80641)

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SAC, KANSAS CITY (100-5222)

July 17, 1959

SA RICHARD H. ASH

COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A.
Missouri District
Kansas City Division
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

On July 3, 1959, [redacted] furnished an oral report to Special Agent RICHARD H. ASH, which was subsequently reduced to writing and authenticated by informant on July 10, 1959. The original of this report is located in Kansas City file [redacted]

This report is as follows:

"On [redacted]

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"At that time [redacted] stated he had been working at the [redacted] every night recently as a result of the [redacted] strike. He stated this was a temporary situation.

[redacted] advised [redacted] that he had paid a bill for the Worker of \$1.50 which he had found in the Communist Party Post Office Box in Kansas City, Kansas. [redacted] told [redacted] this was a duplicate bill and that it had already been paid.

[redacted] showed [redacted] a letter he had received from the National Office of the Communist Party. This letter had return address of 23 W. 26th Street, New York, New York, and was dated June 22, 1959, and is as follows:

- 1 - 100-5222 (CP, USA)
- 1 - 100-8014 (CP, USA-Funds)

1 - [redacted]
1 - [redacted]
1 - [redacted]
1 - [redacted]
1 - [redacted]

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- 1 - New York
- 1 - 100- [redacted] (Phil Bart)
- 1 - 100- [redacted]
- 1 - 100- [redacted]
- 1 - 100- [redacted] (CP, USA-National Office)
- 1 - 100- [redacted] (CP, USA-Funds)

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'Dear [redacted]

'Enclosed you will find receipt for \$15.00 for money order for the fund drive which we received this morning. On the behalf of all of us we want to thank you for your contributions to help us carry on our work. This is the third one we have received from you in a short period of time.

'May we ask that in the future the money order be made to an individual, either Phil Bart [redacted] we are not permitted to keep a bank account by the Treasury Department and for that reason have a little difficulty in disposing of checks or money orders made out to the order of the Party.

/s/ [redacted]
for the National Office'

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Enclosed with this letter were three receipts as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Receipt Number</u>	<u>Amount</u>
4-22-59	1911	\$10.00
5-18-59	1939	\$10.00
6-22-59	2014	\$15.00

On Each of these receipts the contributor was listed as Kansas City, Kansas.

[redacted] stated that he still had a \$5.00 contribution recently received from [redacted] in his possession. [redacted] \$2.00 contribution that he had received from [redacted] indicated that the \$3.00 from [redacted] and the \$2.00 from [redacted] would be sent to the Worker Fund Drive in New York in the near future."

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)

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SAC, CHICAGO (100-33741)

COMMUNIST PARTY - USA
ORGANIZATION
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

CG 5824-S*, on July 20, 1959, made available to SA JOHN E. KEATING, for photostating, a letter on the letterhead of the Communist Party - USA, dated July 13, 1959, addressed "To All NEC Members", and signed "Phil Bart, National Organizational Sec'y." This letter states that the National Executive Committee would meet on July 22 and 23, 1959, to discuss draft resolutions and the Constitution to be presented to the National Committee.

One photostat copy of this item is enclosed herewith to the Bureau and to the New York Division. The Chicago copy is located in Chicago file 100-33741-1B3 (95).

- 2 - Bureau (Encl. 1) (REGISTERED)
- 2 - New York (Encl. 1) (REGISTERED)
 - (1 - 100-89641) (CP-USA, Organization)
 - (1 - 100-56579) (PHIL BART)
- 2 - Chicago
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NEW HAVEN (100-14085)

NEW YORK (100-11342)

FRANK DONNER
SM - C

Informant	NY 1857-S*
Reliability	Who has furnished reliable information in the past.
Date	6/23/59

NY 1857-S* reported on 6/23/59, that ISADORE WOPSY conferred with BERNARD ADES in his office at 505 5th Ave., NYC. ADES is a Certified Public Accountant and is engaged in the Reserve Fund operation of the CP, USA and he also handles tax matters for several leading CP functionaries.

The informant reported that most of the conference between WOPSY and ADES concerned the proposed plan of FRANCES DAMON WILLIAMS in the setting up of an agency to handle travel tours of individuals and groups from the United States to the Soviet Union.

ADES told WOPSY that FRANCES DAMON WILLIAM had been in his office recently concerning the setting up of a travel agency. WOPSY said he had also conferred with WILLIAMS in this regard. ADES said he told WILLIAMS that you (WOPSY) wanted to make it clear that you were not in favor of her putting up any money or standing any loss in the proposed operation. He said that WILLIAMS replied there was never any suggestion that she put up any money but she was planning on making money from the operation.

- 2 - New Haven (100-14085) (Info.) (RM)
- 1 - New York (100-19679) (ISADORE WOPSY)
- 1 - New York (100-47632) (FRANCES DAMON WILLIAM) (415)
- ① - New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-84275) (WILLIAM PATTERSON) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-12481) (BERNARD ADES) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-128861) (CP RESERVE FUND) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-14085) (FRANK DONNER)

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ADES then asked the question, "what is her connection with it?" ADES answered his own question by stating that her connection with it is that FRANK (DONNER) "is trying to get approval of this by ---- FRANCES has influence in the Soviet Union, and, therefore, she might make a trip over there to negotiate this."

ADES said that WILLIAMS came over today and said that PHIL (BART) had seen her recently and that he said he was not in favor of her getting mixed up in anything such as trips and tours to the Soviet Union. ADES said that WILLIAMS was upset and believed that WOPSY was the one who approached PHIL (BART) and tried to get him to discourage her. ADES said that WILLIAMS is very excited about this plan and she does not want anyone to interfere with it.

ADES said he asked WILLIAMS to tell him more about FRANK's (DONNER) plans. According to ADES, WILLIAMS said "they" want to open offices in a couple of cities in this country. ADES asked WILLIAMS where the money would come from for this operation and she replied that FRANK (DONNER) was of the opinion that the Soviet Union will put up the money. As an example she said that (WILLIAM) PATTERSON and FRIEDMAN (ph) organized a company to do trade with Hungary and the Hungarian government gave them \$15,000 to get started. ADES continued that "they" think the Russian government will give them the money to start and she feels that PHIL (BART) or you (WOPSY) or whoever it is ought not to "pour cold water on this and tell the Russians not to deal with these people but on the contrary ought to tell to deal with them."

ADES told WOPSY that he informed WILLIAMS that while you (WOPSY) have no interest in this matter, you have no objection to FRANK (DONNER) doing what he wants. WOPSY replied he had no objection but had certain feelings about the matter and inferred that DONNER will not succeed. ADES replied that he had the same feelings and was of the opinion that WILLIAMS will have little success even if she goes (to Russia). ADES said he did not object to her going and thought it would be a good thing if she got tied up and did not go to Hawaii (where she has business interests).

NY 100-11342

ADES and WOPSY then agreed that they should call WILLIAMS and have her come over to ADES' office to talk the matter over. ADES then called WILLIAMS and she agreed to go over to ADES' office immediately.

WILLIAMS then came to ADES' office and discussed with WOPSY and ADES her plan for the establishment of a travel agency. The informant, however, could not furnish some pertinent portions of the conversation.

WILLIAMS commented that if the agency was formed she would attempt to enlist organizations to take tours rather than seeking individuals who usually go to the State Department and take off on their own. She said her plan also included the organizing of groups to go on the tours.

After WILLIAMS left, ADES told WOPSY that the big problem facing WILLIAMS and FRANK (DONNER) was the raising of the money for the project. ADES said that WILLIAMS has \$20,000 coming from her mother and also has an aunt who is worth about two million. ADES said he was of the opinion that FRANK (DONNER) will eventually approach WILLIAMS and ask her to put up some money for the project if they decide to go through with it.

SAC, CHICAGO (100-3740)

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-11032)

MORRIS CHILDS
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On 6/9/59, NY 1750-S² advised that PHILIP and CONNIE BART had held a discussion in their apartment regarding a number of matters.

PHILIP told CONNIE that he had been at the NEC meeting that day and that everyone had showed up even someone from California. CONNIE asked him if MORRIS (CHILDS) was there and PHILIP said that he was but that he did not get a chance to talk to him because the meeting had started at 11:00. He said that someone had talked about depressed areas and ELIZABETH (FLYNN) said she was the most depressed area around.

Later in the evening, ARON LEVIN, PHILIP BART's brother-in-law, visited them. He told the BARTS that in his new job in order to get permanent status he has to sign a loyalty affidavit. He said he was about to sign it but they showed him a list of organizations and asked him if he ever belonged to any. He said that he told them that he had better take a few days to think about it. PHILIP asked him if they questioned him about the ALP to which he answered no, although he had registered with them for a few years.

2 - Chicago (100-3740) (RM)
1 - New York (100-12959) (CONNIE BART) (#415)
1 - New York (100-56579) (PHILIP BART) (#415)
1 - New York (100-114456) (ARON LEVIN) (#422)
1 - New York (100-12981) (DOROTHY LEVIN) (#422)
1 - New York (100-11032)

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LEVIN told them that he was thinking about telling them that someone had come to his house and asked him to sign a petition and had talked him into going to a few meetings. He said now he was thinking about resigning from the job. BART told him that he should not do that as the courts have not held anything definite about the situation. LEVIN answered that he was afraid of a perjury charge if he signs the affidavit. BART told him to say that he is not connected with any organization and that for four years he has been registered Democrat. He said that he should tell them that he was asked to help out with an ALP Petition, which he did. LEVIN said that the only trouble with that is that there are four petitions with his name on them.

BART continued to tell LEVIN that he should only answer questions and not volunteer any explanations. PHILIP then questioned him if he is under oath to which he replied that he is not. LEVIN continued by saying that he is afraid of getting PHILIP involved if his name should be mentioned. PHILIP then told him not to worry about that. LEVIN then mentioned that his wife, DOROTHY (PHILIP BART's sister) also signed a few petitions. PHILIP then said that he should admit signing petitions and say that he did so because somebody came to the house. LEVIN then said that they will probably drop him as a provisional employee, and not give him an appointment. PHILIP then advised him that if he should be told that he is going to have an official examination on this information that he should ask to resign without prejudice.

NY 100-11032

The BARTS and LEVIN then discussed DOROTHY
LEVIN, after which ARON LEVIN left.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100-26603) DATE: 7/27/59

FROM: SA HAROLD P. QUINN (#415)

SUBJECT: CP-NY STATE
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On 6/23/59, NY 1637-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished photographs of information in the possession of PHILIP and CONNIE BART in their residence at 2415 Newkirk Ave., Bklyn., NY.

Among the information furnished by this source was a notebook page containing handwritten figures in the writing of CONNIE BART, which appear to be the registration figures by section of the Kings County CP.

These figures are as follows:

1 - New York (100-56579) (PHILIP BART) (415)
 1 - New York (100-12959) (CONNIE BART) (415)
 1 - New York (100-26603-C43 (CP KINGS) (422)
 1 - New York (100-80538) (CP - MEMBERSHIP) (415)
 1 - New York (100-26603-C (CP KINGS - BORO PARK) (422)
 1 - New York (100-26603-C265) (CP KINGS - BORO HALL) (422)
 1 - New York (100-26603-C267 (CP KINGS - BRIGHTON) (422)
 1 - New York (100-26603-C271) (CP KINGS - EAST NY) (422)
 1 - New York (100-26603-C268) (CP KINGS - BROWNSVILLE) (422)
 1 - New York (100-26603-C269) (CP KINGS - CONEY ISLAND) (422)
 1 - New York (100-26603-C252) (CP KINGS - BATH BEACH) (422)
 1 - New York (100-26603-C2006) (CP KINGS - YOUTH) (422)
 1 - New York (100-26603-C1997 (CP KINGS - LITHUANIAN) (LANGUAGE) (422)
 1 - New York (100-26603-C273 (CP KINGS - FLATBUSH) (422)
 1 - New York (100-26603-C609) (CP KINGS - MIDWOOD) (422)
 1 - New York (100-26603-C1561) (CP KINGS - BEDFORD STUYVESANT) (422)
 1 - New York (100-26603-C1957) (CP KINGS - CROWN HEIGHTS) (422)
 1 - New York (100-26603-C276) (CP KINGS - KINGS HIGHWAY) (422)
 1 - New York (100-26603) (CP - NY STATE)

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On 6/30/59, NY 1750-S* furnished information regarding a conversation which took place between PHILIP and CONNIE BART at their residence on that date. During the evening JIM TORMEY, Kings County CP Organizer, visited the BARTS for dinner. During the dinner CONNIE and TORMEY discussed a number of items with CONNIE asking him if he was going to speak at that evening's meeting. TORMEY told her that he would try to avoid speaking on specific issues because he may not be familiar with them and being too general in his answers might antagonize some people and cause trouble. He said that this was especially true in the situation like this evening. CONNIE mentioned that she had tried to have every section represented at the meeting and that it would be a very good turnout. TORMEY said that he felt that he would try to ask questions himself in order to find out "the lay of the land".

PHILIP BART then mentioned a conversation he had that day with BEN DAVIS about the membership in New York. He said that they both concluded that the membership is getting old and consequently are not moving around too well.

During the evening CONNIE BART received a telephone call from ALLAN (LAWS) who she told that the meeting that evening was going to be held at Eastern Parkway.

1-Los Angeles (100-) (RM)
1-NY (100-12959) (CONSTANCE BART) (#415)
1-NY (100-56579) (PHILIP BART) (#415)
1-NY (100-15946) (JIM TORMEY) (#422)
1-NY (100-13483) (BETTY GANNETT) (#416)
1-NY (100-99369) (ALLAN LAWS) (#425)
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TORMEY mentioned to them that PETTIS PERRY was in town from California and that he was too busy organizing something ⁱⁿ connection with the NAACP Convention to come into the office for any meetings. PHIL mentioned that JIM JACKSON was going on his vacation that Friday. The BARTS then discussed their vacation plans and CONNIE mentioned that she would be off for three week from July 3 to July 27, 1959. There is then a good deal of discussion about personal items including the Soviet Exposition presently at the New York Coliseum.

CONNIE then asked TORMEY when he and his wife BETTY (GANNETT) were going on vacation, to which TORMEY answered that their vacation would start that weekend but because of medical bills they are quite broke financially and that they won't be able to go anywhere. At approximately 8:30 TORMEY and CONNIE leave the apartment and PHIL asks before they leave where the meeting is and JIM answers Eastern Parkway and Utica Avenuc. He then tells PHIL that since they are no longer political refugees they will have to get together once in a while.

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-56579) DATE: 28 JUL 1959

FROM : SA HAROLD P. QUINN (#415)

SUBJECT: PHILIP BART
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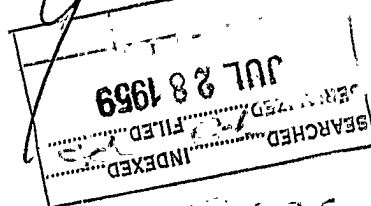
On 7/8/59, NY 1637-S* furnished photographs of information in the possession of PHILIP and CONNIE BART at their residence. The original negative of these photographs are being made an exhibit in BART's New York file.

Among the information furnished by the source were photographs of two notebook pages in PHILIP's handwriting. One page appears to contain a list of the various CP districts and the other a tentative schedule of the number of delegates to the coming National Convention of the CP along with the estimated CP membership of these districts.

These photographs are being made an attachment of the memorandum designated to the subject file.

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TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100- 56579)(422)

FROM: SA [Redacted]

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DATE: 7/28/59

SUBJECT: PHIL BART
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NY 694-S* on 6/5/58 advised that the editorial staff of "The Worker" was to be moved into the building at 23 West 26th Street on 6/7,8/58.

NY 2002-S* on 6/20/58 verified the occupancy of the basement and first floor areas of building by the office staff of "The Worker", an East Coast weekly Communist newspaper.

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7/15/59

JAMES G. FITZGERALD

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JAMES G. FITZGERALD

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, CHICAGO

DATE: 7/28/59

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK

SUBJECT :
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- 1- Chicago (100-3952) (GIL GREEN) (RM)
- 1-New York (Inv.) (421)
- 1-New York (100-26603-C40) (BRONX COUNTY CP) (421)
- 1-New York (100-135744) (LEON KLEIN) (421)
- 1-New York (100-126713) (RDEU) (413)
- 1-New York (100-129553) (CAMP MIDVALE) (412)
- 1-New York (100-128314-C) (BRONX COUNTY FUNDS) (421)
- 1-New York (100-128314) (CP, NYS, FUNDS) (416)
- 1-New York (100-105059) (REV. ELDER G. HAWKINS) (421)
- 1-New York (421)
- 1-New York (100-78589) (EDNA WINSTON) (421)
- 1-New York (100-128804) (CP, NYS, YOUTH MATTERS) (416)
- 1-New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART)
- 1-New York (100-82157) (BELLA HALEBSKY) (421)
- 1-New York (100-84702) (ABE ITZKOWITZ) (421)
- 1-New York (100-135511) (ROSE NEVIASKY) (421)
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- 1-New York (100-133481) (DORA ZIEBEL) (421)
- 1-New York (100-83378) (HYMAN GOLDSTEIN) (421)
- 1-New York (100-13472) (GIL GREEN) (412)
- 1-New York (100-134545) (PAULINE MIGHTON) (421)
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- 1-New York (100-85568) (MARY SCHNEIDER) (421)
- 1-New York (100-13447) (SAM NESIN) (416)
- 1-New York (100-103682) (ALEX YELLIN) (421)
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1-New York (97-169) (THE WORKER) (415)
1-New York [REDACTED] (421)
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1-New York (100-27452) (BOB THOMPSON) (415)
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1-New York (100-89179) (BELLA ALTSHULER) (421)

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Identity of Source: [redacted] who has furnished
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Date Received: 6/26/59

Received by: SA EDWARD G. ASTFALK (written)

Original located:

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A copy of informant's report follows:

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6-24-59

[redacted] of the
[redacted] of the Bronx Communist Party was held at the
home of [redacted]
at 9:00 P.M.

Those present were: BELLA HALEBSKY, ABE ITZKOVITZ,
ROSE NEVIASKY, [redacted] DORA ZIEBEL, HYMAN
GOLDSTEIN, LEON KLEIN, PAULA MICHTON, [redacted] MARY
SCHNEIDER, SAM NESIN, and ALEX YELLIN,

BELLA HALEBSKY as club organizer was chairman. She discussed the settling of the hospital strike, and what the workers had gained by the strike. It was discussed generally, and everyone agreed that while the strike had not been a complete victory for the workers, considering the fact that these workers had never gone on strike before the strike was successful even though a lot remained to be done by the union.

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BELLA HALEBSKY gave a report about the hospital strikers meeting at McKinley Square, 169th Street in the Bronx last Wednesday. She said that the attendance was very poor because the weather was very bad. MIMI FRIEDLANDER brought about 1000 copies of the Worker, and she and BELLA HALEBSKY, [redacted] gave them out on the four corners around the square. DORA ZIEBEL said that one of the strikers mentioned to another that he didn't care where the help came from, as long as it was help referring to the Communists. [redacted] said that she noticed that a lot of negroes and Puerto Ricans lived in this area, and that this would be a good neighborhood for the Communist Party to try to organize.

BELLA HALEBSKY then reported on the picnic held by the Communist Party at Camp Midvale in New Jersey on Sunday, June 21. The purpose was to raise money for the fund drive. Tickets were sold for \$1.00 each and JOE NORTHE told HALEBSKY that about 400 people attended. New Jersey law prevented there being any further collections or speeches. BELLA said that anybody who was anybody in the party was there.

BELLA HALEBSKY then called on ROSE NEVIASKY whom she

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referred to as "secretary" for a report on the fund drive. The [redacted] had collected \$711, \$481. of this was collected by [redacted] ABE ITZKOVITZ said that he had collected \$128 that evening.

[redacted] then reported on the committee meeting of the Bronx Civil Liberties Committee on 6/22/59 which was held in SAM NESIN's house. The BCLC was starting a campaign for the release of HENRY WINSTON. The BCLC is sending [redacted]

[redacted] to get signatures of prominent people. Petitions will also be circulated for the other people to sign. They say Rev. HAWKINS, and he signed, and sent them to see a Rev.

[redacted] who signed the petition because Rev. HAWKINS had signed. BELLA HALEBSKY asked why the BCLC was only concentrating on WINSTON, and DORA ZIEBEL said that she had asked the same question. There are 3 separate campaigns being started. The one for GREEN is being started in Chicago, and then all the campaigns will be combined. The third one is for BOB THOMPSON.

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[redacted] also reported that the BCLC was also planning to send a delegation to Washington in connection with hearings on Civil Rights Bills, but the date had not yet been decided. \$30. had been collected at the above-mentioned meeting, and they were going to use JOE's car. Apparently this means JOE POLICHETTI, president of the BCLC.

BELLA HALEBSKY said that it seemed odd that EDNA WINSTON, HENRY WINSON's wife did not head the committee who were working for his release, or at least that ther name should at least appear. There followed a discussion as to why EDNA WINSTON was not cooperating. SAM NESIN said that after all she had two small children, and was working in Montefiore Hospital as a secretary. He said that she might be afraid that she would lose her job if it were known who her husband was. BELLA HALEBSKY said that BELLA ALTSCHULER had no tact, and suggested that SAM NESIN talk to EDNA WINSTON. SAM said that he would even though he would be leaving soon.

HYMAN GOLDSTEIN said that 55 subscriptions to the Worker had been obtained since February, this included renewal of old subscriptions.

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BELLA HALEBSKY read a letter from the N.Y. State Communist Party signed by PHIL BART, Educational director of the N.Y.S.C.P. It called for more work for peace. It also mentioned a convention which would take place around the time the other political parties were having their con-
tions to nominate candidates.

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DORA ZIEBEL said/youth club for peace had been formed with about 40 members. They met every two weeks, and recently had had 2 affairs to raise money. One had been in the Bronx House on Pelham Parkway. She said the Allerton club should try to help them in the fall.

HYMAN GOLDSTEIN said that the next meeting could be held at his house apt. R31, 2731 Barker Avenue on July 7, 1959.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES
 FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641)(415)
 SUBJECT: CP, USA - ORGANIZATION
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DATE: 7/28/59

Identity of Source: [redacted] who has furnished reliable info in past (conceal)
 Description of Info: Details of info obtained [redacted] at CP Headquarters b7D
 Date received: 7/14/59
 Received by: SA JAMES P. HALLERON (written)
 Original location: [redacted]

A copy of informant's written report follows:

- 1 - Los Angeles (100-4963) (PETTIS PERRY) (INFO) (RM)
- 1 - NY [redacted] (INV) (41)
- 1 - NY 100-67234 (RUTH SHULMAN) (425)
- 1 - NY 100-100351 (SYLVIA HALL) (425)
- 1 - NY 100-134953 (SARAH JAFFE) (41)
- 1 - NY 100-23825 (BEN DAVIS) (416)
- 1 - NY [redacted]
- 1 - NY 100-9369 (TED BASSETT) (425)
- 1 - NY 100-68063 (CLARA BODIAN) (424)
- 1 - NY 100-7658 (LEM HARRIS) (415)
- 1 - NY 100-70281 (JERRY DALY) (416)
- 1 - NY 100-16021 (ARNOLD JOHNSON) (415)
- 1 - NY 100-129629 (WILLIAM ALBERTSON) (416)
- 1 - NY 100-81771 (DOROTHY ROBINSON) (425)
- 1 - NY 100-8057 (GENE DENNIS) (415)
- 1 - NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART) (422)
- 1 - NY 101-559 (JESUS COLON) (415)
- 1 - NY 100-94429 (SAUL GROSS) (424)
- 1 - NY [redacted]
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On [redacted] at C.P. headquarters these people were seen.

RUTH SHULMAN
SYLVIA HALL
SARAH JAFFE
BEN DAVIS

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PETTIS PERRY
TED BASSET
CLARA BODIAN
LEM HARRIS

JERRY DALY
ARNOLD JOHNSON
WM. ALBERTSON
DOROTHY ROBINSON
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SAUL GROSS

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Eleven stencils were run for RUTH SHULMAN. The article "Draft of Pre-Convention Resolution On The Negro Question In The United States". Again SARAH JAFFE was warned that no one was to take a copy- especially JERRY DALY. RUTH asked for exactly 50 copies and no more- but saved the stencils as she said there may be some changes and some of it may have to be done over later on.

The boy who ran the stencil for the leaflet the night before did not get the job done and had to return in the morning to finish up. Leaflet title- "No Little Rock in N.Y. - Integrate all schools now!" SYLVIA HALL said that they had to throw out about 2000. Reason not known. SYLVIA complained that such big jobs were brought in and the finished job wanted at once. SARAH told her to tell the ones who want the work to give her more time or get some one else to do it. She went right in to BEN DAVIS and [redacted] and told them she had to have more time on leaflets and asked if BEN could have his letter to Mayor WAGNOR ready the next day. (Open Letter) [redacted] said the letter was to be printed so she need not worry about it. They promised to do their best to get a leaflet ready a day ahead of time after this. She said that no one else could or would deliver such a big job in a few hours unless it was a matter of great importance of the moment.

SYLVIA said that BEN's letter was the opening of "Fight for Peace" campaign and that there would be lot of work to be done soon.

Nothing of importance was noted. PETTIS PERRY, JESUS COLON- and

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GENE DENNIS spent most of the afternoon in the National Office (RUTH SHULMAN' room) just talking and laughing. At 4: P.M. they all went up to DENNIS's room and they were not seen again.

LEM HARRIS came in and talked to RUTH SHULMAN for about 20 minutes.

The Negro woman seen in the Worker Office was there again today. It is not known if she is on regular or not.

The fact that JERRY DALY never reads anything, even when he is not working is true. But he is very much interested in all stencils that are run and tries to get copies when he can. He took a copy of an article some time ago and wrapped it up and put it in his pocket. At that time he said something about an old seaman buddy of his who was out in California. RUTH said that he always refered to this buddy when he wanted something but she and SYLVIA do not believe him. They think he is taking them for some one who is here but have no idea who it is.

300 copies were run for CLARA BODIAN - She took all copies with her.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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- 1-New York (100-128804) (CP, NYS, YOUTH MATTERS) (416)
- 1-New York (100-128819) (CP, USA, NYS, INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS) (416)
- 1-New York (100-26915) (GEORGE S. SISKIND) (416)
- 1-New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART)
- 1-New York (100-82157) (BELLA HALEBSKY) (421)
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- 1-New York (97-169) (THE WORKER) (415)
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Identity of Source: [redacted] who has furnished
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Description of info: Report of meeting of [redacted]
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[redacted] NY

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Date Received: 6/26/59

Received by: SA EDWARD G. ASTFALK (written)

Original located: [redacted]

A copy of informant's report follows:

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6-24-59

On [redacted] at 9:00 P.M. at [redacted]

[redacted] there was held a meeting of the [redacted] of [redacted] Communist Party. Those present were BELLA HALEBSKY, ABE ITZKOVITZ, ROSE NEVIASKY, [redacted] DORA ZIEBEL, HYMAN GOLDSTEIN, LEON KLEIN, PAULA MICHTON, [redacted] MARY SCHNEIDER, SAM NESIN and ALEX YELIN.

BELLA HALEBSKY, as club organizer chaired the meeting. BELLA HALEBSKY read excerpts from the settlement article on the hospital strike in the New York Times and there was a discussion on whether the strike was won or not. The results were a draw.

The hospital strikers meeting at McKinley Square, 169th St. in the Bronx last Wednesday evening. BELLA HALEBSKY said that attendance was poor weather being bad. MIMI FRIEDLANDER brought about a thousand copies of the Worker and she, BELLA HALEBSKY, [redacted] gave these out on street corners around the square. BELLA HALEBSKY said that only two persons refused to accept copies. [redacted] said that she noticed that negroes and Puerto Ricans lived in the area and it would be a good neighborhood for the Communist Party to work on.

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BELLA HALEBSKY then discussed the picnic held by the Party at Camp Midvale in New Jersey on Sunday June 21. The purpose was to raise money for the fund drive. Tickets cost \$1.00 each and JOE NORTH told BELLA HALEBSKY that about 400 were there. There were no further collections or speeches to the picnickers. New Jersey law prevented this. BELLA HALEBSKY said that most of the party leaders were present.

BELLA HALEBSKY then called on ROSE NEVIASKY whom she referred to as "secretary" for a report on the fund drive. The Northeast Section had collected \$711 which was very poor showing for the other clubs since the Allerton club had collected \$481 of this. ABE ITZKOVITZ stated that he had collected \$128 this evening.

[redacted] then reported on the committee meeting

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of the Bronx Civil Liberties Committee on 6/22. The BCL was starting a campaign for the release of HENRY WINSTON. Trouble had risen because EDNA WINSTON refused to cooperate and was not talking to BELLA ALTSHULER. The BCLC is sending [redacted]

to get signatures on petitions for the release of HENRY WINSTON. They are going around to see prominent people. They saw Rev. HAWKINS and he signed and sent them to see [redacted]

[redacted] and tell him that Rev. HAWKINS had signed. [redacted] then signed. DORA ZIEBEL said that the campaign to get GIL GREEN released is the job of the Chicago party and the name of the BCLC is being changed to the Civil Liberties Committee of the Bronx. ROSE NEVIASKY objected to bringing in the problems of the BCLC. The CP would sell tickets for them and give out leaflets. DORA ZIEBEL said that there used to be a defense club to help the BCLC but it was not in the Allerton area. SAM NESIN said that EDNA WINSTON works now at Montefiore Hospital doing office work and has little time and might be afraid that she would lose her job if it were known that her husband is HENRY WINSTON. BELLA HALEBSKY said that BELLA ALTSCHULER has no tact but a committee would go to see EDNA WINSTON. HYMAN GOLDSTEIN said that BELLA ALTSHULER is now in Chicago.

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HYMAN GOLDSTEIN said that 55 subscriptions to the worker since February.

BELLA HALEBSKY read a letter from the N.Y. State Communist Party signed by PHIL BART, Educational director of the NYSCP. It called for more work for peace, and for better work on the Fund Drive. Members should get money from former members and outsiders. The clubs should try to get new members. DORA ZIEBEL said a youth club for peace had been formed. They met every two weeks and recently had a lecture at the Bronx House on Pelhelm Parkway. She said the club should try to help them in the Fall. ✓

HYMAN GOLDSTEIN said that the next meeting could be held at his house apt. R31, 2731 Barker Ave. on July 7. This was approved.

After the meeting STANLEY STEIN was heard talking to

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SAM NESIN. He asked SAM when and how he was going to Poland. SAM said that he was leaving July 2nd on the Royal Dutch Air Line. He said that although his visa was only for Poland, he would get permission from the Russians to go on to Moscow. Earlier in the evening SAM said he was looking forward to seeing his old friend SUSSKIND in Moscow.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641)(415)

SUBJECT: CP, USA, ORGANIZATION
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DATE: 7/28/59

Identity of source [redacted] who has furnished reliable info in past (conceal)

Description of info Details of info obtained [redacted] at CP Headquarters

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A copy of informant's report follows:

1 - Los Angeles (100-4963) (PETTIS PERRY) (Info) (RM)

1 - NY [redacted] (Inv) (41)

1 - NY 100-67234 (RUTH SHULMAN) (425)

1 - NY 100-100351 (SYLVIA HALL) (425)

1 - NY 100-16021 (ARNOLD JOHNSON) (415)

1 - NY 100-8057 (EUGENE DENNIS) (415)

1 - NY 100-19679 (ISADORE WOPSY) (415)

1 - NY 100-81771 (DOROTHY ROBINSON) (425)

1 - NY 100-26776 (CHARLES DIRBA) (425)

1 - NY 100-70281 (JERRY DALY) (416)

1 - NY 100-134953 (SARAH JAFFE) (41)

1 - NY [redacted] (425)

1 - NY 100-54555 (EVELYN WIENER) (424)

1 - NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART) (422)

1 - NY 100-94429 (SAUL GROSS) (424)

1 - NY 100-84275 (WILLIAM PATTERSON) (415)

1 - NY [redacted] (422)

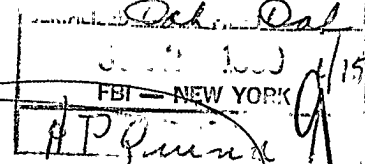
1 - NY 100-129629 (WILLIAM ALBERTSON) (416)

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On [] at C.P. Headquarters these people were seen.

RUTH SHULMAN
SYLVIA HALL
ARNOLD JOHNSON
GENE DENNIS
ISADORE WOLFSEY
DOROTHY ROBINSON
CHARLIE DURBER
PETTIS PERRY

JERRY DALY
SARAH JAFFE
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EVELYN WEINER
PHIL BART
SAUL GROSS
WM. PATTERSON
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In running the 22 page article "Draft Political Resolution for the 17th National Convention, CPUSA" RUTH SHULMAN watched it very closely and no one was allowed to even look at a page. ISADORE WOLFSEY wanted a copy and RUTH while very appologetic, never the less, refused but told him that she was sure GENE DENNIS would give him a copy if her asked him for it. He said he would. RUTH warned SARAH several times to be on her guard as JERRY DALY would take one if he got the chance. She remarked that they found it strange that while he never read anything around the place, no matter how much spare time he had, he was always eager to have a copy of anything being run. RUTH said she was sure he wanted it for some one else.

Because RUTH made such a fuss about the "Big Job" she had to have done by 2 P.M. SYLVIA, not being sure that SARAH JAFFE would get finished in the National Office in time to run a leaflet, got a young boy to come in and help her as the leaflet had to be ready for the next night. SARAH was finished with the National Office work before the boy arrived but SYLVIA did not want to send the boy home after asking him to come and she promised SARAH that it would never happen again and said she was sorry she had not waited and explained that she thought SARAH was going to be busy in the National Office too late to help her. 20,000 leaflets were to be run.

SYLVIA said that the boy had been recomended by the Book shop as he is well known there. The boy types and SYLVIA

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is trying to persuade WM. ALBERTSON to hire some one to help her with the typing. SYLVIA said that WM. ALBERTSON and "the rest" are in a fog. That they live in a dream world, and that WM. ALBERTSON thinks that she should be able to run the Mimeo, do all the typing, answer the switchboard and do all the other things she does and she has given him notice that she is going to look for another job if she does not have some help. She had been complaining for some time about having to work too hard. This time she said that "Talk about exploitation, they think every one is guilty of that and never see how badly they used their own help".

SARAH asked if she knew the boy and if he was a Party member. SYLVIA said she had never seen him before but he was recommender by the Book shop and they knew him but even so he will have to be passed on by the top leaders before he can be hired for the typing job. His name was not learned. It is believed that SYLVIA was not familiar enough with him to call his name yet. He did not know how to handle the machine and she had to show him how to work it. SYLVIA does not know if he is a Party member or not. She said that if he was not and would not join the Party she did not believe he would be hired. He looks about 17- 18. Small build. Dark hair and eyes. Further description will be given when he has been seen closer. He was only seen for a moment at the machine.

There were only 25 copies of the 22 page article wanted. The rest of the pages were destroyed. One full copy was obtained but it was not possible to get any more.

Another thing SARAH JAFFE reminded SYLVIA HALL about was that if the boy was hired to type he had to belong to a union and if he did Mimeograph work he would have to belong to two Unions. Also that he would have to be paid a Union scale and as long as he belonged to any Union they would not allow him to do odd jobs, unless they were thinking of taking him on as a part time worker and paying him with vouchers and that kind of work might be O.K. for a while but that boy would soon be looking for a better job and wouldn't find it paid him very well to work like that. SYLVIA agreed and said "well, he is not hired yet. Many things will have to be straightened out first".

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A meeting was going on in the State Board room. Those
seen were PHIL BART - [REDACTED] EVELYN WEINER- WM. PATTERSON. ✓

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SAC, ALBANY (100-1262)

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-26603)

CP, USA
NEW YORK DISTRICT
NEW YORK DIVISION
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Re Albany letters to Director, 6/25/59, and to NY, 6/25/59, both captioned "CP, USA, NY DISTRICT, NY DIVISION, IS-C"; Albany letter to NY, 7/8/59, captioned "CP, USA, NY DISTRICT, NY DIVISION, ORGANIZATION, IS-C".

Concerning the report of [redacted] re the NYS CP Committee meeting of [redacted] set forth in Albany's letter to Director, the following is noted:

[redacted] on pages 4, 5, identifies [redacted] as a speaker at the [redacted] of above meeting and also lists her as attending this State Committee meeting. Information available to NYO reflects that [redacted] last attended a State Committee meeting in November, 1958. [redacted] advised on 1/25/59, that [redacted] had been replaced as a member of the State Committee by EDITH ROSENBERG and ROSENBERG was observed attending State Committee meetings in January-February and April, 1959.

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NYO suggests that [redacted] observed IDA POSNER, who was observed attending the meeting of [redacted] rather than [redacted]. Informant should be recontacted for clarification of the identity of this individual he observed at the meeting. Albany should remove [redacted] photograph from those of the NYS CP Committee members.

2 - Albany (100-1262) (RM) (Encls. 3)

- 1 - New York [redacted] (42)
- 1 - New York (100-67670) IDA POSNER (416)
- 1 - New York (100-228) JUNE GORDON (414)
- 1 - New York (100-48033) IRVING POTASH (415)
- 1 - New York (100-56579) PHIL BART (415)
- 1 - New York (100-67348) ANNE FRIEDLANDER (422)
- 1 - New York (100-86094) LOU DINNERSTEIN (42)
- 1 - New York (100-26603) (416)

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Relet of 7/8/59, furnished NY with the report of [redacted] concerning the [redacted] session of above State Committee meeting. On Page 3, [redacted] is mentioned by the informant as one of the people in attendance at this meeting. It is believed that the same confusion between POSNER and [redacted] exists here and therefore NY requests that [redacted] be recontacted for clarification as above.

Continuing with [redacted] report of the State Committee meeting in the letter to the Director, 6/25/59, NY suggests JUNE GORDON as being identical with JUNE (LNU) mentioned on page 4, and IRVING POTASH as identical with the IRVING (LNU) mentioned on page 6.

As to the two visitors mentioned on page 3, Albany has identified the photograph of Unsub white male furnished with NY letter of 6/25/59 as one of these visitors. NY has compared the list compiled by [redacted] of individuals present at one or both sessions of this meeting, with the results of its figur and notes that PHIL BART was present at the Saturday session, [redacted] and is not mentioned by [redacted] BART is not known to be a member of LOU WEINSTOCK's union, however, he is NY's only suspect for the second visitor.

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Concerning the Unsub white woman mentioned on page 6, a similar comparison of [redacted]'s list and figur results, discloses that ANNE FRIEDLANDER was present at the [redacted] sessions but not listed as present by [redacted] NYO is not of the opinion that there is a family resemblance between FRIEDLANDER and CLARA LICHT, however, it is recalled that FRIEDLANDER and HY WALLACH went to lunch together on [redacted]

Photographs of JUNE GORDON, IRVING POTASH, and PHIL BART are being enclosed to Albany for its use in recontacting the informants and need not be returned. A photograph of FRIEDLANDER has been previously furnished Albany.

With respect to Albany's suggestion, in its letter to NY of 6/25/59 furnishing results of recontact with [redacted] regarding Unsubs who attended the 4/3, 4/59 meeting of the NY State CP Committee, that perhaps LOU DINNERSTEIN is identical with Unsub white male in his late 30's, the following is observed.

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DINNERSTEIN was born on 4/5/05 and is described as: 5'9", 180 lbs., stocky build, gray hair, wears glasses. From this it appears that DINNERSTEIN does not fit the description furnished by [redacted] for the Unsub white male. Also DINNERSTEIN was not observed during the course of the fisur conducted of this meeting. Information received from NY 2045-S* indicates that the second LOU mentioned was not present at this meeting. From DINNERSTEIN's background and activities it is believed that he was the LOU mentioned who was not present. In view of the above, no photograph of DINNERSTEIN is being furnished at this time to Albany. b7D

Albany is requested to furnish NY with copies of these reports by [redacted] for dissemination directly to Unsub or Suspect Case files. Photostat copies of the 6/25/59 letter to Director have been made for the JUNE GORDON, IDA POSNER, IRVING POTASH, PHIL BART and ANNE FRIEDLANDER Files.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, CHICAGO DATE: 7/30/59

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641)

SUBJECT: CP, USA ORGANIZATION
IS - C

On 6/24/59, NY 1750-S* furnished information regarding a conversation between CONNIE and PHILIP BART in their apartment on that date.

PHILIP mentioned that on that date they had received a contribution of \$200.00 at the national office from someone who was disgusted with the county and state organization. He said this person would not give it to either of them and consequently, made his contribution to the national office.

PHILIP said that he and GENE DENNIS, along with JACK STACHEL and JAMES JACKSON, had discussed the NY report. He said that there had not been a report on the NY organization since the last convention. He said that DAVIS had protested giving the report and asked why the California report should not be taken up first especially since there is so much revisionism there.

2 - Chicago (100-) (RM)
 1 - Chicago (100-) (MORRIS CHILDS) (RM)
 1 - Chicago (100-) (JACK KLING) (RM)
 1 - Milwaukee (INFO) (RM)
 ① - New York (100-56579) (PHILIP BART) (415)
 1 - New York (100-12959) (CONNIE BART) (415)
 1 - New York (100-8057) (GENE DENNIS)
 1 - New York (100-10865) (JACK STACHEL)
 1 - New York (100-16785) (JIM JACKSON)
 1 - New York (100-23825) (BEN DAVIS) (416)
 1 - New York (100-129629) (BILL ALBERTSON) (416)

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PHILIP said that he had spoken to IDA (POSNER) that day and she told him she had tried to convince BILL ALBERTSON not to go through with his plans on eliminating some of the Industrial sections. PHILIP said that everybody is against the idea although he does not know how BEN DAVIS feels about it yet. PHILIP said his own opinion on dividing the Industrial is that you cannot eliminate anything until you have got something else. He said you cannot destroy the Industrial Division and drive the people into the community clubs.

PHILIP said the CP has not developed a policy for Negroes and Puerto Ricans in the unions. He said our comrades in the Needle Trades are never going to be able to organize the Puerto Rican workers. He said most of our comrades are the Left-wing in the ILGWU. He said they will never organize the Negroes and Puerto Ricans because they are Jewish and are highly skilled and, consequently, have different problems. He said that they do not have 10 Negro or Puerto Rican Needle Trade workers in the Party. He said in addition to this the Negroes and Puerto Ricans are not going to back the Party in the union and stick their neck out. He said they may do this in the community on problems such as housing and segregation.

PHILIP and CONNIE BART then discussed their vacation plans and their trip to Chicago. PHILIP said that he had heard from MORRIS (CHILDS) who told him that he is waiting for them. CONNIE mentioned that she is not interested in sitting in on any meetings in Chicago. PHILIP said she would not

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have to worry about this as they will visit people out there and spend one day with the KLINGS, another with the CHILDS and "CLAUDE (LIGHTFOOT) sent instructions on how to get to his farm, he wants us there for a day".

PHILIP also said that he was going to Milwaukee for one day to which CONNIE answered that she would like to go along.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, CHICAGO (100-2748) DATE: 7/30/59

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-102416)

SUBJECT: SAM KUSHNER
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On 6/29/59, NY 1750-S* furnished information regarding a conversation between CONNIE and PHILIP BART in their apartment on that date.

PHILIP told CONNIE about an exchange between IRVING POTASH and JACK SHULMAN during the week and that the feeling is that JACK is not carrying the right messages back to BILL FOSTER but is making decisions himself. PHILIP mentioned that he told SHULMAN last week to deliver messages and stop giving opinions.

CONNIE and PHILIP then discussed DANNY RUBEL, who apparently is having trouble at home because his wife is not in agreement with him. PHILIP described RUBEL as a Leftist who feels that racial Leftism is the salvation of the Party. PHILIP

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 1 - Detroit (100-) (BILL ALLEN) (RM)
 ① - New York (100-56579) (PHILIP BART) (415)
 1 - New York (100-12959) (CONNIE BART) (415)
 1 - New York (100-40833) (IRVING POTASH) (415)
 1 - New York (100-111666) (JACK SHULMAN) (415)
 1 - New York (100-4365) (BILL FOSTER) (415)
 1 - New York (100-117158) (DANNY RUBEL) (422)
 1 - New York (100-54555) (EVIE WEINER) (416)
 1 - New York (100-67234) (RUTH SHULMAN) (425)
 1 - New York (100-118174) (MILT ROSEN) (416)
 1 - New York (100-23825) (BEN DAVIS) (416)
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said that this is wrong and the sooner the Leftists realize it the better they will be. PHILIP said that people like RUBEL better wake up before it is too late.

PHILIP then launched into a discussion on what he feels is wrong with the CP today. He said that there are too many people being paid by the CP. He mentioned EVIE (WEINER) "who hangs around all day and has nothing to do, RUTH (SHULMAN) who isn't worth what she is paid". PHILIP said that ~~the building~~ they are in is too big and the Party cannot afford to operate it and they will end up by having to leave there.

PHILIP ~~then~~ mentioned the "guy" who came down from Buffalo all of which was paid by the CP (MILT ROSEN). PHILIP also mentioned "that sponger SAM (KUSHNER) from Chicago -- do you know he is on full salary for "The Worker" and does not write enough for a full-day's pay -- and BILLY (ALLEN) in Detroit -- he's in the same boat, in charge of circulation.

PHILIP then said that what the Party should do is get out of their present building and move to where they have three or four cubbyholes as that is all they really need. He said take BEN DAVIS for instance. If he is going to concentrate on Harlem let him rent a place on 125th Street and go to work. We do not need him in the office.

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PHILIP said that they have eleven men upstairs in the national office and that is too many. He mentioned that they spend all kinds of money for salary and it is no wonder they cannot spend anything for recruiting and cannot even pay their own bills. He said that the Party has to cut out a lot of their foolish expenses or they are going to be in trouble.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, BOSTON (100-) DATE: 7/30/59

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641)

SUBJECT: CP, USA ORGANIZATION
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On 6/15/59, NY 1750-S* advised that PHILIP and CONNIE BART had discussed a number of items during the evening in their apartment. In a response to a question by CONNIE of "How Boston is" PHILIP answered "about as expected".

It is noted that PHILIP BART had just returned from an organizational trip for the CP, USA, on that weekend from the Boston area.

BART said that he had had a discussion with AL LNU and (DANIEL) SCHERMER, neither of whom are new in the movement. CONNIE asked PHILIP if SCHERMER was out of the Party and he answered that he was not. He said that he had a long talk with AL who he said was a member of the Joint Board and a known Leftist with the Party for years. He said he asked him if it was possible to get some of the old members back into the Party in the Boston area.

- 2 - Boston (100-) (RM)
- 1 - Boston (100-) (AL LNU)
- 1 - Boston (100-) (DANIEL SCHERMER)
- 1 - Boston (100-) (ANN TIMPSON)
- 1 - Boston (100-) (OTIS HOOD)
- 1 - Boston (100-) (HOMER CHASE)
- 1 - Boston (100-) (LOUIS JOHNSON)
- 1 - Boston (100-) (ROBERT GOODWIN)
- 1 - Boston (100-) (JOE LNU)
- 1 - New York (100-56579) (PHILIP BART) (#415)
- 1 - New York (100-12959) (CONNIE BART) (#415)
- 1 - New York (100-8057) (EUGENE DENNIS) (#415)
- 1 - New York (100-16021) (ARNOLD JOHNSON) (#415)
- 1 - New York (100-80641)

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PHILIP continued that on Friday evening he had attended a very good meeting of the Administrative Committee with ANN (TIMPSON) and OTIS (HOOD) and one other, (HOMER CHASE) were present. He said he later had a short talk with ANN, who said that the only ones who are staying in the Party are the older members because they are loyal but they would not do anything. BART said that OTIS joined in this discussion but that he is farther away from the situation than she is.

BART continued that HOMER had stated that they were making some changes and were bringing in some new people. He said that the Party wants to bring back everybody. He said that the meeting had to break up early because ANN had to go home as she is having some troubles there with her husband and children. He said that after she left the discussion continued and CHASE said that bringing back members that had dropped out was not the big issue but that all must be examined to find out, if they really know their Marxism.

BART commented that he left the district with good relationships but he was undoubtedly on somebody's list. He said that they had a discussion today at the national office about HOMER's attitude toward people from the national office going into the district, and, apparently GENE DENNIS and ARNOLD JOHNSON had been up there, and HOMER did not want them back.

PHILIP and CONNIE then discussed CHASE, and PHILIP described him as a full-time organizer with a wife and three children who live 100 miles

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away in Washington, New Hampshire. He said that CHASE is expecting another child and is only able to go home on weekends. He said the Party pays him \$100.00 a week, which is not enough. He said he tried to discuss this situation with him, especially since his wife would not move to Boston as they have some sort of hamburger shack back there. He said that CHASE has some good ideas and says that he is willing to make the sacrifice for the struggle. He said that CHASE's brothers are the same type. PHILIP commented that CHASE has worked very hard and has built up the organization. However, many of the comrades there get a lot of their radical thinking from him.

BART then discussed /^{LOUIS} JOHNSON, who he described as a swell guy and one of the Denver people whose hometown is Boston.

PHILIP then mentioned ANN and said that he wished he could have seen her but it was impossible physically and politically as he must get the picture up there before he talks to her. He said that he would like to ask her to take over the chairmanship of the committee on defense in that area. He said that she has been around there for years and now we should give her some work to do. He said they have raised a lot of money and they have received \$250.00 and a letter from BILLY GREEN. He said they had a big banquet for BOB from Connecticut (GOODWIN).

PHILIP stated that GOODWIN has four children and is 45 years old, and he has lost the use of his voice but can still make himself understood. He said that they have raised \$1,000.00

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for him and now his wife has a job. He said that GOODWIN and a sister of his are opening up a little mimeograph shop. He said that one of his children, a daughter of 16 who just graduated from high school, received a scholarship even though her father's activities are known.

Just before ending the conversation, PHILIP mentioned that on Friday night JOE LNU had gone to Gloucester and Lynn with him, and that on Saturday, he had attended a 25th anniversary party.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641) DATE: 7/30/59

FROM: SA HAROLD P. QUINN (#415)

SUBJECT: CP, USA ORGANIZATION
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On 6/22/59, NY 1750-S* advised that PHILIP and CONNIE BART had discussed a number of items on that day at their apartment.

PHILIP mentioned to CONNIE that he had attended a meeting that evening on organization. He said BILL ALBERTSON had raised a number of questions at the meeting, all concerning the NY organization.

PHILIP said that the national office is going to put the NY CP on the agenda for the following day but that BEN DAVIS has been resenting it. He said he told DAVIS that they are not trying to check up on him or anyone else and that they are just asking for a review which they want on every district so they will have a picture of the whole national organization before the convention began. He said

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- 1 - NY 100-12959 (CONNIE BART) (415)
- 1 - NY 100-129627 (BILL ALBERTSON) (416)
- 1 - NY 100-23825 (BEN DAVIS) (416)
- 1 - NY 100-67670 (IDA POSNER) (416)
- 1 - NY [REDACTED]
- 1 - NY 100-26603 (CP-NY STATE) (416)
- 1 - NY 100-4931 (CP, USA) (415)
- 1 - NY 100-80538 (CP - MEMBERSHIP) (415)
- 1 - NY 100-33473 (SI GERSON) (415)
- 1 - NY 100-47632 (FRANCES WILLIAMS) (415)
- 1 - NY 100-80641

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DAVIS told him they did not need it and if they wanted it they could come to a NYS Board meeting. He said DAVIS has not yet committed himself so they do not know if they are going to do it. He said that GENE DENNIS has been asking him where all the reports are.

PHILIP continued saying that the reason they need all these reports is in order to avoid any surprises at the convention. He said he told DENNIS about his trouble with DAVIS on the NY report.

PHILIP said at this meeting this evening, a lot of items were brought up including some basic changes. He said suggestions were made about the question of Industrial, and cutting down on clubs and having the counties eliminate some sections. He said that on the way home IDA (POSNER) was with them. He said that she hollered at him all the way home and called him and the others a bunch of Bureaucrats who could never be seen to discuss problems with. He said he told her she did not know what she was talking about and asked her if she had ever tried to see him.

PHILIP continued saying that the biggest point was about the large Industrial Division. He said the big thing is that they want to break it down and send some of the sections back to the community. He said the whole thing is to be thoroughly discussed and he does not think ALBERTSON meant cutting it down in the way it sounded in his proposal.

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PHILIP said he himself would let [redacted] continue with her needle trades. He said that what she wants is an attachment in Harlem to this thing. He said, according to IDA, the whole thing is [redacted] idea. He said that there is no doubt that the whole thing is revolutionary and has some sound points. He said that the NY organization now has a registration of 1717 which excludes Nassau and a number of other places. He said probably by now they have over 1800 members and they should have about 2,000 by convention. He said there were quite a few people at the meeting including SI "GERSON".

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CONNIE then commented that there are not too many people who know as much about organization as BILL ALBERTSON. PHILIP mentioned that there is a woman, who is a friend of ALBERTSON, who lets him use her car. He said that this woman had some type of a trust fund and the CP is attempting to be made beneficiary of it but they are having numerous difficulties and legal problems.

The latter reference is undoubtedly to FRANCES WILLIAMS.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM * UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641) Date: 7/30/59
 FROM : SA HAROLD P. QUINN
 SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
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On 6/29/59, NY 1750-S*, furnished information regarding a conversation which took place between PHILIP and CONNIE BART at their residence on that date. They both discussed the Supreme Court decision on that day regarding a rehearing of the argument on the Lightfoot Case. PHILIP said that the decision was good. CONNIE asked him if he had spoken to JULIUS (SCALES) to which PHILIP answered he had. He continued saying that the lawyer said that the case should be argued on five points. one, is the Smith Act Constitutional; two, does the Mc Carran Act supercede the Smith Act; three, on the question of intent- that is, is it intent as interpreted by the law or is it the act that counts.

PHILIP then mentioned that he had gone home with DANNY (RUBEL) who complained to him about BEN (DAVIS) and BILL (ALBERTSON) who are trying to talk JIM (TORMEY) into taking over a functionary job in Brooklyn, full time. PHILIP said that he was somewhat in agreement with RUBEL and that DAVIS and ALBERTSON should not present the whole thing to TORMEY as a big deal but should prepare him for the fact that his coming in as County Organizer may be only temporary. He said at the present time there is a movement to do away with full time County Organizers. He said he is sure the move will fail as EVIE (WEINER) and MIMI (FRIEDLANDER) are both against it. He said the Queens County Communist Party (CP) is for the move and that Brooklyn had no one there to vote on it although RUBEL is against it. PHILIP continued saying that regarding TORMEY they should not put him

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 1-NY (100-117158) (DANNY RUBEL) (#422)
 1-NY (100-15946) (JIM TORMEY) (#422)
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in the compromising position of taking a job that might be abolished.

PHIL then said that he had seen GENE DENNIS during the day and told him that DENNIS would have to have a very good argument before he, BART, would accept his veto on a matter they were discussing. He said later in the day he talked to DAVIS and told him that what the party needs now are some victories which will give the membership more confidence in them and put some life back into the party. He said that DAVIS' main concern appears to be "The Worker". He told BART that "The Worker" must be saved. PHIL said that he suggested that a committee of ten or twelve people be formed to look into the paper and give a report at the convention. He said that DAVIS is in favor of making a front page appeal for help which he rejected because it would make the CP look weak to outsiders.

PHIL then mentioned MILT ROSEN who he characterized as a cynic. He said that what the party needs is a place like they use to have on Seventh Avenue. He said they need to be back in a working class neighborhood so the people in the office can get out and see the members. He said that they should break down the office and have one in the Bronx, and one in Brooklyn, etc.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM *** UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69) DATE: 7/30/59

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641)

SUBJECT: CP, USA ORGANIZATION
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On 6/18/59, NY 2379-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, reported that JIM TORMEY visited the apartment of ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, National Field Organizer, CP, USA.

ELIZABETH told JIM that she is really getting the (HENRY) WINSTON application (for executive clemency) off the ground. She stated the (ROBERT) THOMPSON case is different though and that SI (GERSON) has been working on that also. ELIZABETH stated that SI has gotten NORMAN THOMAS to be his (THOMPSON's) parole advisor and that now he has to get someone to be his employer following which he will be ready to make the application (for parole).

FLYNN mentioned that PAT (WILLIAM PATTERSON) has gotten two very good (petition) signatures in Harlem and that he is promised the signature of the editor of the "Amsterdam News."

2-Bureau (100-3-69) (RM)
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1-New York (100-1696) (ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN) (#415)
1-New York (100-15946) (JIM TORMEY) (#416)
1-New York (100-269) (HENRY WINSTON) (#415)
1-New York (100-89691) (CP, USA DOMESTIC ADMINISTRATION) (#415)
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1 - New York (100-16021) (ARNOLD JOHNSON) (#415)
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1 - New York (100-80640) (CP NEGRO QUESTION) (#415)
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ELIZABETH stated that she has been trying very hard to get the young Negro fellow [redacted] who works with JIM JACKSON, assigned to them (Amnesty Campaign) for about one month. She stated that this fellow does not like to be called by his real name but merely prefers to be called [redacted] and that he did a wonderful job organizing in the South, especially Texas.

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ELIZABETH then went on to say how happy EDNA (WINSTON) is with the results of the work on the campaign but that she (ELIZABETH) felt that ARNOLD JOHNSON was trying to do too many things at once being to slow to begin with.

She stated that she called BEN DAVIS to get him after ARNOLD to have a petition ready for the ("Worker") picnic.

ELIZABETH then went on to discuss the fact that BOB THOMPSON had arrived in Atlanta and that MARY KAUFMAN had called the warden who told her that BOB was going through the tests and that everything was alright. FLYNN commented that apparently they are handling him with kid gloves. She added that she would like to get up a committee of veterans and get one thousand veterans' signatures for BOB. TORMEY suggested they start amongst the VALB since most of them were World War II vets also. ELIZABETH recalled meeting MOE (FISHMAN) and arranging a meeting on the matter. She suggested perhaps SI, JIM and HERB APTEKER could formulate a veterans committee. TORMEY stated he would be perfectly willing to serve in such a capacity.

FLYNN then mentioned that she had discussed JIM with BEN DAVIS who indicated that they (New York State

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CP) had plans for him. DAVIS had also remarked to her what a good job BETTY GANNETT was doing.

After some general conversation ELIZABETH told TORMEY [redacted] being recently interviewed by the FBI and how upset he and his wife were. She stated [redacted] considered going to the ACLU but she told him that they could not do anything about it because you can't stop the FBI from interviewing you and that the best thing to do is tell them nothing.

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At this point, KATHY FLYNN, ELIZABETH's sister, interrupted and stated that you can't give the FBI a song and dance because once they get something on you they've got it over your head. ELIZABETH stated that [redacted] handled the interview pretty well and asked them whether the reason they came around bothering him was because his aunt was ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN. They told him that it had nothing to do with it, that they just wanted to have a talk with him. He then reportedly told them that he had nothing to say.

The conversation then turned to health and longevity with ELIZABETH attributing her gain in weight to drinking. JIM mentioned that his wife BETTY (GANNETT) is very tired and needs a rest. He stated that they are considering Maine as a possible vacation site.

The FLYNN sisters then described their recent vacation in Florida with TILLIE HASLAUER and how dissatisfied they were with her. They described her as a stupid, gossipy old woman and KATHY recalled that TILLIE once said to her that KATHY's heart must have sunk when her daughter married a Negro. KATHY stated that she had all she could do to stop from

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getting into a fight with her.

ELIZABETH then discussed PHIL BART and how since he has taken hold of his new job his organizational abilities have been felt. She stated that meetings and everything else are beginning to take better shape, and that BOB (THOMPSON) was no organizer.

TORMEY then told her about a recent meeting he had attended in Brooklyn which he described as an enlarged county board meeting. Apparently TORMEY was suggested as the new Kings County Organizer at the meeting because he told ELIZABETH that there was no opposition to him personally but there was some talk of having a Negro as an organizer. He stated the question was discussed but no action taken.

ELIZABETH commented that they are probably trying to push someone like ALLAN LAWS. JIM stated that all he would do if he does get the job is to spend nine-tenths of his time doing mass work.

ELIZABETH expressed her opinion that a lot of good people will come back to the party if they felt that the party is getting back into mass work and factionalism is ended. She stated it is really smart of the New York crowd because until JIM and BETTY decided to leave for California they never did a "G-- D---- thing" for them. She said that they realized, however, that they were letting two people like them go off to California they suddenly changed their attitude. ELIZABETH stated that they (New York State CP) are at the end of their rope if they do not get some good organizers in key points. She recalled that BEN DAVIS told her that it is important to keep Irish people in the party to which she replied that she is glad to hear somebody in the CP say something good about the Irish.

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TORMEY then discussed a conversation he had with BILL (ALBERTSON) during which he expressed his views on certain questions. He told BILL there was never any doubt in his mind that the "right wingers" represented the most danger to the party. ELIZABETH commented that what is needed in Brooklyn is someone who has nothing to do with any of the factionalism groups. She feels that they have to come to realize that these factions are not going to build or save the party, and that the role of someone like GUS HALL is strengthened by the fact that he has nothing to do with these factions. She recalled that both BOB THOMPSON and her were in a similar position when they came out of jail but that BOB immediately had identified himself right off the reel and then of course there comes a time when one has to line up with a side in a National Committee slowdown.

CP They then discussed how nice the New York State/has been treating JIM and BETTY and both agreed that maybe they realize that they will not build a party if they continue to act the way they have been.

ELIZABETH then went on to express her hope of someday getting BEN DAVIS alone where she could really tell him all the things that are wrong with the state organization. She also mentioned that New York State has some very new proposals on changing the form of the organization but that she did not know what they were. JIM stated that they have been told to him and they concern whether or not to continue the county organizations since under the circumstances they have so few members. He stated these kinds of questions have to be raised because they do not have the big organization they used to have. ELIZABETH stated

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that they could possibly combine Brooklyn and Queens and also Manhattan and the Bronx. She said the same thing should happen on a national scale, that they keep operating as if they had some big organization. She said they get together and discuss what should be done and then there is no one to carry it out. She added that if you do not have people to carry these ideas out, there is not much use in having such grandiose ideas. JIM agreed commenting that there are too many unproductive people, they're not writing and not getting out and speaking with the members which has the direct influence on the party membership.

ELIZABETH stated she considers HY LUMER the most productive person (in the leadership) because he gets out and does educational work. She feels that the National Committee is too large and they have too many people on the payroll. She also referred to the high costs of bringing ten members from the West Coast to National Committee meetings. She described the present situation calling for such a representation as "looney". They both agreed that party leaders today have to be "Jack of all trades" and they cannot stand the luxury of "heavy thinkers."

ELIZABETH referred to a recent letter she had sent to members which IRVING POTASH questioned because she had gone to the trouble of signing each one personally. ELIZABETH stated that such personal touches are needed to reestablish relations with the membership and that was the reasoning behind it.

TORMEY and FLYNN then discussed V. J. JEROME

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with ELIZABETH remarking that his wife ALICE is going over to see him this summer and that it looks like he is gone for good. ELIZABETH added that as far as she is concerned ALICE could stay over there too.

Regarding the coming National Convention ELIZABETH told JIM that a committee of BART, BILL (ALBERTSON) and LOUIE (WEINSTOCK) and a couple of other trade union guys are working on the Constitution while GENE DENNIS is working on the main resolution.

ELIZABETH stated that BILL (FOSTER) is still fighting the civil war and wants to put Democratic centralism, monolithic unity, etcetra, back into the Constitution. LOUIS told her that he was up to see BILL and that FOSTER is in good shape physically but is slipping mentally.

They then discussed the discontent among the members in New York because they cannot understand the "hi falutin" talk used by such people as HY LUMER and JIM JACKSON. FLYNN stated that WEINSTOCK knows this too and knows also that membership loss have been heavy. She stated that he is certainly in a position to know because he is acquainted with the trade unionists.

ELIZABETH said the party is in much better shape in Chicago then it was before and that while she does not know too much about California, she feels that it is more united that it was a year ago. She said the Northwest has come along very well but she does not know about Detroit or Ohio. She stated that HY LUMER does not think Ohio is in too good a shape nor is Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, and New England. She described HOMER CHASE as a "looney" and that they won't have an organization if they keep him. FLYNN stated they only have 125 members including three Negroes

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left in the New England area.

FLYNN continued that there is complete disunity among Negro comrades causing a very unhealthy situation which she attributed to factionalism and some professional jealousy. They then discussed GUS HALL with ELIZABETH commenting that he has got to come into the national leadership because he has a good strong position and wants to go forward without renewing the old nationalist issues such as revisionism, etcetra.

ELIZABETH stated the revisionists are practically gone and they don't have to worry about them although BILL (FOSTER) wants to fight the thing all over again.

She continued that GUS HALL went up and had a talk with BILL, and that it was just a monologue with BILL telling GUS all the things he has got to do such as getting rid of EUGENE DENNIS. FLYNN stated that getting rid of any one individual isn't the solution but they (left wing) felt they've got BEN (DAVIS) and that their possible slate (for the convention) would be BEN DAVIS for Chairman, GUS HALL for General Secretary, and JIM JACKSON, herself (FLYNN) and someone else for Vice Chairman. She does not feel, however, that BILL FOSTER wants her because she is not in his corner. ELIZABETH said she has talked to a few of them about not running for a National Committee post because of her age and all agreed that she has to run.

The discussion then turned to younger elements in the party and ELIZABETH stated that BOB (THOMPSON) had the best future because of the personal feeling between her and the membership, his war

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record, etcetra. Both agreed that at least when you talk to THOMPSON you get straight answers and that he was not a "maneuverer".

ELIZABETH stated that another person there is similar feeling about with the membership is STEVE NELSON. Both agreed that he has his faults but that he has that personal touch with the membership. JIM recalled what a wonderful job STEVE did on those people (HCUA) and ELIZABETH remarked that it is a wonder he could ever get a job the way they have been dragging his name through the ringer. She stated STEVE has been trying to get some money from the party but that PHIL BART told him that there just isn't any available.

Regarding BEN DAVIS, ELIZABETH stated that he is very shrewd and he never says he wants to be Chairman of the party but you can see it in the maneuvering going on in his direction. She said JIM JACKSON, however, is not for BEN but will probably like to be Chairman also. She stated whenever she thinks of this possibility she gets sick to think of the party reaching the point where they would have a "professor Chairman." They agreed that what is needed are more workers in the leadership. ELIZABETH said she would like to see GENE kept in the membership because he has a certain balance that many times prevented things from going off the deep end.

JIM agreed that he has never hesitated to voice his opposition to GENE's line but that he is not for his elimination. He does feel, however, that if GENE had taken a stand during the vital period the whole struggle would have been over. ELIZABETH agreed noting that even though GENE agrees with you he can't be counted to back you up. As an example she cited her recent opposition on the question of FOSTER applying to go to the Soviet Union.

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DENNIS told her that he also felt it was a bad idea but then at the last minute he told MARY KAUFMAN to go ahead with it. ELIZABETH states she refused to do anything regarding a campaign for FOSTER and told KAUFMAN so because she is working on the HENRY WINSTON campaign and nothing short of a revolution will take her off it.

TORMEY then discussed a meeting he attended the previous evening and how he told those present that the reason the theoretical and ideological struggle has not been concluded is because there are too many varied ideas and the party is so isolated from the masses that they do not have an opportunity to test their ideas. ELIZABETH agreed, recalling that when PHIL BART was up in the Boston area recently HOMER CHASE told him that nothing could be done until the Hungarian question is settled by the CP. CHASE feels that the CP should go on record, that the Soviet Union was right, and everyone else was wrong. BART told him to forget it and that they should let the Hungarians settle the Hungarian question. CHASE also brought up the question of self determination for Negro people which ELIZABETH felt was ridiculous since there are only three Negroes in the party from that area.

Both then discussed the youth situation and the needed concentration in that field since most of the present leaders are old and sick.

The remaining conversation was general in nature.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100-56579) Date: 7/30/59

FROM: SA HAROLD P. QUINN (#415)

SUBJECT: PHILIP BART
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On 6/16/59, NY 1750-S* advised that in a conversation between the subject and his wife, CONNIE, at their apartment, the subject stated that he had been talking with JACK STACHEL regarding a report made by PAUL NOVICK about his trip to Israel. He said that according to STACHEL, the report is very enlightening regarding the situation that exists over there. He said that the report's main theme is about the role of the CP in Israel. He said apparently there was a great deal of chauvanism being exhibited by the Israelis toward the Arabs which is the same as is exhibited by the whites toward the Negroes in the US.

1 - NY 100-12959 (CONNIE BART) (415)
 1 - NY 100-18065 (JACK STACHEL) (415)
 1 - NY 100-7918 (PAUL NOVICK) (411)
 1 - NY 100-20 (MORRIS SCHAPPES) (425)
 1 - NY 100-55534 (SELMA WEISS) (422)
 1 - NY [REDACTED]
 1 - NY 100-106625 (MORRIS DIMOWITZ) (422)
 1 - NY [REDACTED]
 1 - NY 100-13483 (BETTY GANNETT) (416)
 1 - NY 100-15946 (JIM TORMEY) (416)
 1 - NY 100-129629 (BILL ALBERTSON) (416)
 1 - NY 100-59327 (ALICE JARVIS) (412)
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He said the report deals in detail with the influence and development of the Jewish bourgeois. He commented that he wished that he had heard the report because, according to STACHEL, it was a glowing one on the growth of the CP in Israel.

CONNIE then questioned PHILIP if (MORRIS) SCHAPPES had been removed to which he commented he had not been.

CONNIE then mentioned to PHILIP that she had called SELMA WEISS who told her that her husband is presently working out of town for the summer. CONNIE mentioned that some day she is going to ask SELMA if she is in the CP as she does not believe she is.

They then discussed PHILIP's [redacted] [redacted] MORRIS. She said that [redacted] has learned that MORRIS had filled out a form about appropriating his check from the VA. She said that she also found that her husband had applied for an increase and that that was the reason his file was in Washington, D. C. CONNIE said that [redacted] claims that he has promised to pay the rent on her apartment and give her \$25.00 a week in addition to the VA check. CONNIE said that this means that over the summer she will not have to work.

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CONNIE said it would appear that he wants a divorce to which PHILIP commented that she, [redacted] would be crazy to give him one.

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CONNIE then mentioned to PHILIP that [redacted] had told her that she had talked with BETTY (GANNETT) the other day, and in her opinion, JIM's (TORMEY) politics are going to be a real problem. CONNIE said that she does not want to work too closely with JIM as it is her feeling that all that he and BILL ALBERTSON want to do is make some kind of record.

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CONNIE then mentioned that she had called ALICE BURKE the previous day, and ALICE had said that she would be unavailable for the entire summer. CONNIE commented that she thinks JIM may have had a hand in this.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100-56579) Date: 7/30/59

FROM: SA HAROLD P. QUINN (#415)

SUBJECT: PHILIP BART
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On 6/19/59, NY 1750-S* advised that the subject and his wife, CONNIE, had discussed a number of items in their apartment on that date.

PHILIP mentioned to CONNIE that he had seen JACK CHILDS on that date and that they had discussed a number of things.

CONNIE then asked him about the picnic, which was to be held on that Sunday, and PHILIP said that they would leave about 11:00 a.m. and pick up ELIZABETH (FLYNN). PHILIP then mentioned that he forgot all about ROSE BARRON and picking her up.

They then discussed MARY KAUFMAN and the fact that she received about \$2,000.00 in fees for her handling of THOMPSON's case. PHILIP said that he had recommended that the CP retain her full time, and offer her a salary. He said that they did offer her \$9,000.00. He said that she presently wants a thousand dollars for BILL's (FOSTER) case, although it is not worth it.

- 1 - NY 100-12959 (CONNIE BART) (415)
- 1 - NY 100-64061 (JACK CHILDS) (415)
- 1 - NY 100-7696 (ELIZABETH FLYNN) (415)
- 1 - NY 100-45332 (ROSE BARRON) (424)
- 1 - NY 100-27452 (ROBERT THOMPSON) (415)
- 1 - NY 100-8529 (MARY KAUFMAN) (422)¹⁵
- 1 - NY 100-48033 (IRVING POTASH) (422)
- 1 - NY 100-81450 (ARTHUR ZIPSER) (425)
- 1 - NY 100-111666 (JACK SHULMAN) (415)
- 1 - NY 100-9365 (WILLIAM Z. FOSTER) (415)
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They then discussed JACK SHULMAN and his attitude toward the national office. He said that IRVING POTASH had had an argument with SHULMAN about taking messages to FOSTER recently. He said that SHULMAN comes back with a lot of information which appears to be his own thinking on the situation. He said in addition to this, SHULMAN appears to be arguing with the instructions he is given. He said that he had told SHULMAN to take a message to FOSTER on a policy matter, and SHULMAN had started an argument and discussed it with him. He said he told him that he had asked him to take a message to BILL and to bring one back if he had one and not to discuss any NEC policy.

PHILIP commented that FOSTER's former chauffeur, ZIPSER, is active again in the district in some type of educational work.

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-128861)(415)
SUBJECT: CP, USA - FUNDS (RESERVE FUNDS)
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Remyairtel 7/23/59, particularly with respect to the
12th-13th St. Corporation.

Utmost caution should be exercised concerning the
dissemination of information herein, inasmuch as, by its nature,
said information tends to identify NY 694-S*, a valuable informant,
as the source thereof.

On 7/30/59, NY 694-S*, who has furnished reliable
information in the past, advised SA ALEXANDER C. BURLINSON that
PHIL BART, CP, USA Organizational Secretary, furnished the following

- 3 - Bureau (100-3-102) (RM)
- 1 - NY 134-91 (INV) (415)
- 1 - NY 100-70303 (12th-13th St. Corp.) (41)
- 1 - NY 100-64424 (CHARLES KELNER) (421)
- 1 - NY 100-8057 (EUGENE DENNIS) (415)
- 1 - NY 100-96057 (LOUIS PASTERNAK) (416)
- ① - NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART) (415)
- 1 - NY 100-64061 (JACK CHILDS) (415)
- 1 - NY 100-78633 (ISIDORE NEEDLEMAN) (33)
- 1 - NY 100-19679 (ISIDORE WOFSY) (415)
- 1 - NY 100-118948 (MAX SEBORER) (33)
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information on 7/29/59:

In a conference with the other two stockholders in the 12th-13th St. Corporation, CHARLES KELNER offered to buy the building at 35 East 12th Street for \$240,000.00, terms being \$20,000.00 down payment, and \$20,000.00 per year until the balance of the sales price should be paid. EUGENE DENNIS and ISIDORE WOFSY consider KELNER's offer "ridiculous." The stockholders likewise consider the offer unacceptable, and are willing to do what the CP desires in this situation.

WOFSY, as chairman of the CP Reserve Committee, was instructed by DENNIS to remove KELNER as manager of the building on 8/3/59, and to replace him, if possible, with LOUIS PASTERNAK (Bufile 100-370348), former manager of Camp Wingdale. (PASTERNAK as yet has not been consulted in this regard.) If PASTERNAK should not be available, WOFSY will probably contact MAX SEBORER (Bufile 105-31942), an intimate friend of ISIDORE GIBBY NEEDLEMAN, to ascertain whether SEBORER would be available for KELNER's job as manager. WOFSY intends to discuss SEBORER with NEEDLEMAN before making an approach to SEBORER, and will be guided by NEEDLEMAN's suggestions, not only concerning SEBORER, but also concerning anyone else NEEDLEMAN may suggest.

According to PHIL BART, the CP realizes that although the other two stockholders in the 12th-13th St. Corporation, by majority vote, can oust KELNER as manager of the building, they cannot force him to surrender his one-third interest as a stockholder, nor can the CP force him to surrender his interests to the Party. The possibility exists that even if the building should be sold "over his head," he is in a position to compel payment to himself of one-third of the sales price. BART said it is doubtful whether it would be in the interest of the Party to sell the building under such conditions.

NY 694-S* further reported that at the request of ISIDORE WOFSY, JACK CHILDS, one of the depositories of the Reserve Fund and also a member of the Reserve Fund Committee, gave WOFSY \$1,500.00 in cash which WOFSY needed to help defray expenses of the recent CP Plenum in NYC.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)

7/30/59

SAC, CHICAGO (100-33741)

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CG 5824-S*, on July 30, 1959, orally furnished to SA JOHN E. KEATING the information on the following page. This oral information was reduced to writing on July 30, 1959:

- 2 - Bureau (REGISTERED)
- 3 - New York (REGISTERED)
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 - (1 - 100-56579) (PHIL BART)
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PHIL BART, National Organization Secretary of the Communist Party - USA, in a telephonic conversation on the night of July 29, 1959, stated that EUGENE DENNIS plans to leave New York City on the weekend of August 1-2, 1959, for a vacation, which will extend through Labor Day. BART did not indicate where DENNIS plans to spend his vacation, but stated that he will obtain DENNIS' address prior to DENNIS' departure for his vacation.

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WEEKLY SUMMARY 7/20-26/59
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On 7/20/59, NY 1750-S* advised that the subject had been visited that evening at his residence by JIM TORMEY. TORMEY told BART that both he and his wife were suffering from a number of illnesses. He said that BETTY (GANNETT) needs an operation as she has a growth in her throat in addition to a thyroid condition. He said that the doctors think she may also have a hernia just above the thyroid and also possibly polyps in the throat. He said that she also is suffering from some type of a growth in her nose. TORMEY also related that he is taking medication for his "regular disease" and also for gall stones which is a recent development.

On 7/22/59, NY 2359-S* related that the subject was in attendance at an enlarged NEC meeting held that day at CP National Headquarters, NYC. In a discussion of a report by EUGENE DENNIS for the Subcommittee on the Draft Resolution, BART stated that he favored some changes "here and there" in DENNIS' draft resolution.

On 7/22/59, NY 1750-S* advised that on that evening the subject had discussed with his wife, CONNIE, the NEC meeting, which had been held that day. He told her that it had been a very long session, but that he did not believe it would run as long the following day. He said that the "resolutions" were going to be the first thing on the agenda the following morning.

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On 7/23/59, NY 1750-S* advised that the subject and his wife, during a conversation at their residence, had discussed the coming National Committee meeting, which was to be held that week end (7/25-26/59) in NY. He told CONNIE that there were several top functionaries from the National Office who were presently on the West Coast and for whom the Party was going to have to pay transportation costs to the meeting. He said that JIM JACKSON was one of these people who is going to fly in and then fly back out to resume his vacation. He said that JACKSON has his own "little empire", which cannot be disturbed. He said that he is going to tackle this matter because it has nothing to do with Party organization as far as he is concerned. He said that this type of spending will have to stop. He said that GENE DENNIS has proposed a trip for himself to the Midwest for five weeks. He said that this trip has nothing to do with aiding the Party and he will speak to DENNIS about it.

The source continued that the subject related to his wife some events that had taken place at the NEC meeting, which had been held on that date, and which he attended. He told her that there had been a debate on just how to go about electing delegates to the coming National Convention. CONNIE commented that the last time the delegates were elected right from the sections. The subject continued that National Committee members have been drifting into town all afternoon and that he thinks the National Committee meeting for that week end will be a good one. He said that "BURT" (NELSON) had brought in a number of recommendations. He said that if the NC that coming week end could do as well as the NEC, the CP will start getting somewhere.

On 7/24/59, NY 1750-S* advised that the subject and his wife had discussed a number of things related to CP organization. During the conversation, the subject spoke of an unidentified woman who had been elected to the NY State CP Women's Commission. PHIL then asked CONNIE a number of questions about women's work in the CP and asked her something about who is a part of "JEAN's setup" and CONNIE mentioned the name of "SYLVIA HALL".

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The source continued that the subject and his wife then discussed JIM TORNEY and CONNIE commented that when he first came back to the organization she thought that there was a marked change in him for the better.

They then discussed the current NEC meeting, which is in progress and which the subject had attended that day. CONNIE asked him if "DOROTHY" (HEALY) was in town for it and he commented that she had come in yesterday. They then discussed the Party's position on the Negro Question and PHIL criticized it commenting that there is not any Negro-Labor alliance. He told her that the Party must shape things in the Labor Movement and not leave it to the "lily whites". CONNIE commented that the Party is always "pussyfooting" around on the Negro Question. PHIL then discussed "revisionism" and said that its the revisionists who are "dogmatists". He said that they are wrong in criticizing MARX.

Later in the evening, the source advised that PHIL told CONNIE that he was very busy in connection with preparations for the NC meeting that week end. He said that meetings just do not happen, they have to be set up. He commented that he had to figure out who will be who and that he has to see that the motions are ready. He said that he also has to talk to people out of town for a while including "CLARENCE" (SHARP). During this conversation CONNIE asked him if (ISADORE) "WOFSY" is handling finances", to which PHIL answered that he is "spending finances".

On 7/25/59, NY 1750-S* advised that CONNIE BART had been visited on that day by JIM TORMEY, who had earlier contacted her about coming up for a discussion on organization. It is noted that TORMEY has recently been elected County Organizer of the Kings County CP. TORMEY told CONNIE BART that he's just beginning in the organizing field and he wanted her advice regarding the Brooklyn Organization. They started by discussing "DANNY" (RUBEL--Kings County CP Organizational Secretary) and his future in his present position. CONNIE indicated to TORMEY that RUBEL is not well thought of.

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They then discussed ABE FREEDMAN, who they described as Financial Director of the Kings County CP. CONNIE commented to TORMEY that he must give form to the Brooklyn Organization and properly utilize the leadership. She mentioned the Borough Park area as a place which the Party used to be very strong and which still has great potentiality. TORMEY related that he has been attending various section meetings and is getting the feel of things. CONNIE then mentioned HARRY ONCHER, a Brooklyn functionary, and spoke about him unfavorably. They then discussed numerous other CP personnel, including PEARL and ALAN LAWS, [REDACTED] LAURA (HALL), THERESA ONDA, [REDACTED] LOUISE PATTERSON and [REDACTED]

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The above discussion lasted for approximately four hours and dealt with numerous facets and personalities of the Kings County CP Organization.

On 7/25/59, NY 2656-S* advised that the subject had been in attendance on that day at a meeting of the National Committee of the CP, USA. The subject was designated at this meeting to present recommendations of the NEC, which had been made during the previous week. He also presented the agenda for both days of the meeting, which were as follows:

First Day

1. Steel
2. Drafting a Political Resolution
3. Political Question
4. The Constitution Draft
5. The Resolution on Party Consolidation
6. The Preparations for the National Convention

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Second Day

1. Negro Question
2. The Constitution Draft

On 7/26/59, NY 1749-S* advised that during the morning the subject had called GENE DENNIS at his residence to tell him that the National Committee meeting on that day was due to start at 9:30 a.m. He also asked DENNIS, who had been ill the previous day, if he would attend the meeting, to which DENNIS replied he would. BART also told DENNIS that he had heard from MORRIS (CHILDS) and that he would tell DENNIS about his conversation with CHILDS at the meeting. He commented that CHILDS would not be in for the meeting and would possibly be in in the middle of the week.

NY 2656-S* advised that the subject had attended the National Committee meeting of the CP, USA, held on that date and had made a report for the 17th National Convention Committee. He announced that the convention would be held at the Hotel Theresa in New York City from 12/10 through 13. This date was approved unanimously by the National Committee. BART then discussed the matter of delegates to the convention and proposed that their number be based on average dues payments for the period of October, 1958 through October, 1959. He proposed that the number of delegates be allocated as follows:

For the first three hundred CP members from a district, three delegates per one hundred up to the total of nine; the next two hundred members, two delegates per one hundred to a total of four, and for the district with fifty to one hundred members, two delegates, and for districts having under fifty members, one delegate. BART proposed that where there was no CP organization that

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one fraternal delegate be designated. He further proposed that each district be allowed to send alternate delegates up to twenty-five per cent of the delegation. He said that the above proposal would make approximately one hundred to one hundred and twenty-five delegates to the convention. He also proposed that the 17th National Convention of the CP, USA, consider proposals for methods to elect National Committee members and that the National Committee recommend to State Conventions that they take no action under Article 5, Section 5, until the National Convention has determined a procedure for election of such National Committee members. This proposal was passed with an amendment which put forth that a membership referendum be conducted setting aside the above article until after the National Convention is ended.

On 7/26/59, NY 1750-S* advised that the subject and his wife held a discussion that evening regarding various matters. CONNIE told PHIL that she had been out that afternoon with "SELMA" (WEISS) and FRANCES DAMON WILLIAMS and they had gone to the Botanical Gardens.

PHIL told CONNIE that GENE DENNIS had given a very good summary on the National Committee meeting that day and that GUS HALL had also spoken very well. They both then got into a violent argument regarding CONNIE's questioning of the subject regarding the National Committee meeting. CONNIE commented "Why don't you trade wives for a while", to which the subject answered "That's a good idea". PHIL stated that he is just too tired to discuss the meeting or argue about it. CONNIE commented that she just cannot talk to him and he never tells her anything. She said that recently, when they saw JACK KLING in Chicago, he had told her something which apparently had happened while they were both "unavailable" and which he had never told her. She commented that maybe the subject ought to have a couple of other people for a wife for a while.

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The source then advised that later in the evening the subject and his wife made up after she asked him to smile. He commented to her that he had to attend meetings at Headquarters on Monday and Tuesday and would still be pretty busy the rest of the week. They then discussed NIXON's visit to Moscow and PHIL commented that KHRUSHCHEV made a fool of NIXON and that NIXON's trip would discredit him with the American people. CONNIE then commented that from what she could see his visit will hurt the United States more than it will help. The subject agreed and said that KHRUSHCHEV had outsmarted NIXON on every move.

NY 1749-S* advised on 7/26/59, that the subject had called his wife earlier in the day to tell her his plans for the afternoon and evening. He told her that the NC meeting would be finished at about 6:00 o'clock and that he would then go home. He also said that MORRIS (CHILDS) had tried to get hold of him by phone the previous evening at home as he had a number of things to discuss. He said that MORRIS' wife is in the hospital and has had a number of transfusions. He said that she is now receiving some new treatments which are very painful.

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CG 5824-S*, on July 30, 1959, orally furnished to SA JOHN E. KEATING the information on the following pages. This oral information was reduced to writing on July 31, 1959:

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(1 - 100-775) (HOMER BATES CHASE)
- 2 - Cleveland (REGISTERED)
(1 - 100-17257) (CP-USA, Organization)
(1 - 100-421) (GUS HALL)
- 3 - Detroit (REGISTERED)
(1 - 100-2050) (CP-USA, Organization)
(1 - 100-945) (NAT GANLEY)
(1 - 100-13420) (CARL WINTER)
- 1 - Indianapolis (100-9529) (EMANUEL BLUM) (REGISTERED)
- 3 - Los Angeles (REGISTERED)
(1 - 100-20644) (CP-USA, Organization)
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- (1 - 100-80640) (CP-USA, Negro Question)
- (1 - 100-81338) (CP-USA, Security Measures)
- (1 - 100-56579) (PHIL BART)
- (1 - 100-23825) (BENJAMIN DAVIS, JR.)
- (1 - 100-8057) (EUGENE DENNIS)
- (1 - 100-9365) (WILLIAM Z. FOSTER)
- (1 - 100-13473) (SIMON W. GERSON)
- (1 - 100-16785) (JAMES E. JACKSON)
- (1 - 100-79025) (MILDRED MC ADORY)
- (1 - 100-47211) (STEVE NELSON)
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- (1 - 100-18065) (JACK STACHEL)

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- 2 - Seattle (REGISTERED)
 - (1 - 100-) (CP-USA, Organization)
 - (1 - 100-127) (BURT NELSON)

- 10 - Chicago
 - (1 - A/134-46)
 - (1 - 100-34408) (National Committee Intelligence Summary)
 - (1 - 100-24729) (EMANUEL BLUM)
 - (1 - 100-3470) (MORRIS CHILDS)
 - (1 - 100-12890) (EARL DURHAM)
 - (1 - 100-12459) (FLO HALL)
 - (1 - 100-2748) (SAM KUSHNER)
 - (1 - 61-867) (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT)
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July 30, 1959

On July 28, 1959, there was a general discussion in the headquarters of the Communist Party of Illinois in Chicago involving CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, Chairman; JAMES WEST, Executive Secretary; and MORRIS CHILDS, member of the State Committee of the Communist Party of Illinois. This discussion dealt with the meeting of the National Executive Committee of the Communist Party - USA, held during the week of July 19, 1959, and the meeting of the National Committee of the Communist Party - USA, held on July 25 and 26, 1959. LIGHTFOOT had attended both meetings, while WEST had attended the meeting of the National Committee.

National Executive Committee Meeting

Letter from WILLIAM Z. FOSTER Regarding
Leadership of the Communist Party - USA

LIGHTFOOT stated that one of the items discussed at the National Executive Committee meeting was a letter addressed to the National Executive Committee by WILLIAM Z. FOSTER. In this letter, FOSTER made some proposals in regard to the future leadership of the Communist Party - USA. FOSTER proposed that a Secretariat be elected at the 17th National Convention of the Communist Party - USA. He also listed his nominees for this Secretariat. He stated that he would list his selections in alphabetical order and then proceeded to list them as follows: BEN DAVIS, GUS HALL, and EUGENE DENNIS.

FOSTER also indicated that he wanted the National Executive Committee to present his proposals to the National Committee. LIGHTFOOT stated that FOSTER's proposals are contrary to Party procedure, since a National Convention elects a National Committee, and the National Committee then selects the leadership. Thus, the National Executive Committee voted unanimously to turn down FOSTER's proposals, and not even BEN DAVIS offered a fight for them. It was agreed to tell FOSTER that his proposals had not been accepted by the National Executive Committee and that the National Executive Committee voted unanimously not to present them to the National Committee.

LIGHTFOOT pointed out that there were three reasons why the National Executive Committee did not want the National Committee to discuss FOSTER's proposals: (1) It is not the business of the National Convention to select a Secretariat; (2)

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FOSTER wanted each of the three members of the Secretariat to have equal power. No member would have more power than any other member; and (3) If there had been a discussion of leadership in the National Committee meeting, it would have involved a discussion of personalities instead of political problems.

LIGHTFOOT said that the third reason was the most important and everyone in the National Executive Committee meeting agreed in this regard, even though BEN DAVIS may inject personalities into later discussions preceding the National Convention.

Draft of the Main Political Resolution

LIGHTFOOT stated that FOSTER also sent a letter to the National Executive Committee proposing some changes in the draft of the main Political Resolution for the 17th National Convention. These proposed changes did not deal with the main line of the draft, but dealt with so-called points of emphasis. LIGHTFOOT said that only BEN DAVIS and BURT NELSON spoke in favor of FOSTER's viewpoint. He pointed out, however, that one surprise was that IRVING POTASH did not go along with EUGENE DENNIS 100% in regard to the draft of the main Political Resolution. LIGHTFOOT said that POTASH gave some support to ideas which could be construed to be similar to those of FOSTER, particularly in regard to the section of the resolution which deals with the Party.

LIGHTFOOT said that after some debate, he, LIGHTFOOT, persuaded BURT NELSON to agree not to push for his points of view, which were at odds with the resolution. LIGHTFOOT said that he also put BEN DAVIS on the spot by pointing out that while DAVIS is ostensibly the leader of the largest Negro area in the country, namely Harlem, he has the weakest Negro organization in the Party in Harlem.

LIGHTFOOT commented that actually no one had any substitute for the main Political Resolution prepared by DENNIS, and the suggestions pertained to the re-writing of some sections of the resolution. So, the National Executive Committee voted unanimously to adopt the main line of the draft of the main Political Resolution, although here and there some reservations were expressed.

National Committee Meeting

LIGHTFOOT and WEST stated that only three items were discussed at the National Committee meeting. These were: (1) The steel strike; (2) The draft of the main Political Resolution for the 17th National Convention of the Communist Party - USA; and (3) The resolution on the Negro question for the 17th National Convention.

LIGHTFOOT and WEST did not discuss the deliberations of the National Committee in regard to the steel strike.

Draft of the Main Political Resolution
for the 17th National Convention of the
Communist Party - USA

LIGHTFOOT and WEST stated that the main line of the main Political Resolution for the 17th National Convention of the Communist Party - USA was adopted by the National Committee. WEST stated that he had made the following tabulation on the voting:

In favor of the main line of
the draft resolution.....25

Opposed to the main line of
the draft resolution..... 4

Abstaining..... 6

LIGHTFOOT said that the numerical results of the voting were about as had been expected by him, and that PHIL BART had expressed the same sentiment. LIGHTFOOT said that BEN DAVIS voted for the general line of the draft resolution; however, BURT NELSON went back on his vote in the National Executive Committee and voted against the main line of the draft resolution. LIGHTFOOT commented that he did not follow the individual voting closely, since he wanted to see how BURT NELSON would vote and also was keeping his eyes on BEN DAVIS, since he wanted to be sure that he knew how that guy voted.

Both LIGHTFOOT and WEST stated that MANNY BLUM voted against the main line of the draft of the main Political Resolution. They stated that BLUM insisted on bringing into the National Committee meeting some proposals from FOSTER. Despite the fact that many pleaded with him to withdraw the proposals

before they were put to a vote, BLUM insisted on a vote. The proposals were defeated 25 to 4, with some abstentions. Subsequently, BLUM asked that his proposals be expunged from the record, since he realized that the vote meant a terrible defeat. He was told that if he would withdraw the proposals, they would be expunged from the record. He then withdrew them.

WEST stated that he kept a tabulation of the voting. He listed those who opposed the main line of the draft Political Resolution as follows: MANNY BLUM, BURT NELSON, HOMER CHASE, and MILDRED MC ADORY. WEST stated that among those abstaining were DOROTHY HEALEY, AL RICHMOND, and STEVE NELSON. WEST pointed out that during the meeting, SI GERSON and BEN DOBBS split with DOROTHY HEALEY on some occasions.

Resolution on the Negro Question

LIGHTFOOT stated that the main line of the resolution on the Negro question was adopted; however, he, LIGHTFOOT, was given the assignment of making corrections in it. LIGHTFOOT pointed out that JAMES JACKSON was not present either to defend or to make corrections in the resolution on the Negro question.

Comments Concerning National Committee Members

STEVE NELSON

According to both LIGHTFOOT and WEST, STEVE NELSON made the most miserable speech at the National Committee meeting; miserable in that he voiced opposition to the main line of the draft of the main Political Resolution. They stated that NELSON not only spoke against the resolution, but also spoke against the leadership. They commented that NELSON has not been hammered into line.

FLO HALL and SAM KUSHNER

LIGHTFOOT and WEST both said that while SAM KUSHNER and FLO HALL voted for the main line of the draft of the main Political Resolution, they acted as an opposition on a number of sections in the resolution. For example, they voted against the section which deals with the Party. They also ripped into the resolution on the Negro question, even though they voted for the main line of the resolution on the Negro question.

CARL WINTER

LIGHTFOOT said that CARL WINTER talked about his concern over the possibility of a return of bureaucracy to the Party. LIGHTFOOT said that for the first time, he had a little fight with WINTER, since he felt that WINTER was giving encouragement to KUSHNER. According to LIGHTFOOT, WINTER subsequently apologized and said that he is not in favor of KUSHNER. WINTER stated that he is opposed to having KUSHNER as a member of the National Executive Committee and is also opposed to the idea of KUSHNER making any trips to Europe.

LIGHTFOOT stated that WINTER again stated that he is worried about bureaucracy returning to the Party. WINTER also stated that he does not want too many changes in the Constitution. He stated that he believes that it is best to introduce a few changes, rather than to re-write the Constitution and make a complete break with the Constitution adopted at the 16th National Convention. In explaining this stand, WINTER said that he is worried that if the Constitution is re-written, the United States Government might say that the Communist Party - USA made a complete break with the last Constitution, and that the Communist Party - USA is back again to its old tricks and international connections. WINTER explained that this was the reason he supported some of the remarks and proposals of KUSHNER.

LIGHTFOOT stated that WINTER was planning to start his vacation after the National Committee meeting, but agreed to meet with LIGHTFOOT for a private discussion after the conclusion of his vacation.

NAT GANLEY

WEST and LIGHTFOOT said that it was a surprise to see NAT GANLEY present and voting at the National Committee meeting, since CARL WINTER had previously indicated that he thought that GANLEY had ceased all activity and was out of the Communist Party.

EARL DURHAM

WEST said that EARL DURHAM told him that he would go to the National Committee meeting, but he did not make an appearance. WEST said he had asked DURHAM if he needed any money for the trip, and DURHAM replied that if he went to New York City he would use his own money and then collect from the Party later.

Since he did not show, the national leadership considers DURHAM to be out of the Party. They figure that he played a trick on the Party, since he collected money from the Party while completing his education and promised to be active after he graduated, but he has failed in all assignments given to him.

GUS HALL

LIGHTFOOT said he had a private discussion with GUS HALL. LIGHTFOOT stated that he told HALL he was going to watch him. He said that he remarked to HALL, You know, many people want to use you. They will try to encourage your ambitions, if you have any. Don't permit them to use you. LIGHTFOOT said he obtained a promise from HALL that he, HALL, would not let anyone in the leadership of the Communist Party - USA use him. LIGHTFOOT commented that as indicated by his vote, HALL is going along with the majority thus far.

Parenthetically speaking, it is too soon for HALL to make any moves to take over the leadership of the Communist Party - USA, if he has this intention in mind.

JACK STACHEL

WEST and LIGHTFOOT said that JACK STACHEL has prepared a very lengthy document on forms of organization. It is a discussion document and not a resolution. It may be circulated throughout the Party in the near future. LIGHTFOOT said that he thought it was a good document, while WEST expressed the opinion that it is too general.

PHIL BART

PHIL BART participated in the discussion at the National Committee meeting. LIGHTFOOT praised BART's contributions to the discussion.

Referral of Other Matters to Sub-Committees

LIGHTFOOT and WEST stated that the Constitution and the Party program were referred back to sub-committees for further work and preparation. The leadership did not want to discuss nor vote on the Constitution at the National Committee meeting. The reason for referring the Constitution to a sub-committee was to avoid a "public discussion" of the Constitution, since

such a discussion might attract attention to proposed changes in the Constitution.

General Comments of CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT

LIGHTFOOT said that the National Committee meeting went about as expected or, if anything, a little better than expected. He pointed out that the former followers of GATES, STEIN, and FINE did not vote unanimously on all occasions, thus indicating a sort of split in the supporters of the Right-wing viewpoint.

LIGHTFOOT stated, however, that he fears that there will be a fight as long as FOSTER persists in his viewpoints and as long as DAVIS does not give up his ambitions. LIGHTFOOT said that at one point during the National Executive Committee meeting, DAVIS expressed the need for a dynamic leadership and the need for someone in the leadership who is sensitive to the needs of the Negro people. LIGHTFOOT said that it was pointed out to DAVIS that the Illinois District is doing more than the New York District in regard to mass work and the initiation of activities in the Negro field.

LIGHTFOOT stated that he feels that while personalities are not supposed to be attacked in the Communist Party, that a fight will develop around the issue of personalities and not on political issues. The reason for this is that the opposition to the main line of the draft Political Resolution is hard put to find differences with the main line of the Political Resolution. Thus, they will, under the guise of so-called points of emphasis, try to make personal attacks a political issue.

COMMENTS OF CG 5824-S*

It appears that one of the big points of disagreement in the Communist Party - USA at the present time is the matter of placing the question of revisionism -- or what is the main danger. Should the Communist Party - USA place equal emphasis on the danger of revisionism and the danger of sectarianism or dogmatism or is either revisionism or sectarianism the main danger. Most everyone in the leadership is agreed with the need to place emphasis on the fight on two fronts; that is, against revisionism and sectarianism, but the difficulty lies in characterizing one or the other as the main danger to the Party at this time.

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On 7/2/59, NY 2362-S* advised that on above date, PHIL BART had an informal discussion with EUGENE DENNIS in the latter's office at CP Headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, NYC.

PHIL BART opened the discussion by telling DENNIS that MIKE WALLACE wanted DENNIS to appear on his TV program.

DENNIS replied that he had spoken to them a couple of weeks ago "I do not think much of it and I told him I was going out of town....." DENNIS further remarked "the other thing is you know I speak slowly and that isn't good on that particular program....."

BART replied that he was of the opinion that DENNIS should take the opportunity.....

Informant advised that further discussion took place, but due to the added security of the blackboard utilized both by DENNIS and BART, this information was not available to the informant.

The above is set out for informational purposes only.

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TO : SAC, New York (100-56579) DATE: 8-3-59

FROM : SA STEPHEN FEDUNIAK (415)

SUBJECT: PAUL BRET
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On July 30 1959 SAs [redacted] and the writer conducted a search of the above captioned individual. At 2:00 P.M. he met IRVING HERMAN on the ~~Street~~ corner of 23rd St + 5th Ave. NYC. They proceeded across the street to Madison Park where they were observed talking on a bench.

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Reylet to the Bureau dated 7/6/59, which summarizes the Bureau's instructions for handling review of HCUA testimony at hearings held at Los Angeles, 2/2-5/59 and 2/24-25/59. A copy of the published testimony was enclosed therein to your office.

It is noted that on page 302 of transcript that (PHILIP) BART (NY file 100-56579; NY:00) is referred to by Committee counsel in the questioning of an uncooperative witness during the Los Angeles hearing.

While the information referred to above is undoubtedly in possession of the New York Office, the reference is being furnished to you in keeping with Bureau instructions.

- ② - New York (Registered)
 - ① - 100-56579 (P. BART)
 - 1 - Los Angeles (62-1664)
 - 1 - Los Angeles (100-37785) (P. BART)
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CARE MUST BE UTILIZED IN HANDLING AND REPORTING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION SINCE ITS VERY NATURE TENDS TO IDENTIFY A SENSITIVE AND HIGHLY PLACED INFORMANT.

On 7/14/59, NY 2352-S* advised that on this date an informal discussion was held in the office of EUGENE DENNIS at CP Headquarters, NYC, between DENNIS and PHIL BART.

Informant advised that most of the discussion was disjointed and both DENNIS and BART utilized the additional security of the blackboard and this information was not available to the informant.

According to the informant, the discussion pertained to some procedure being set up for the coming National Convention.

DENNIS observed that there was a need for more small drafting committees to prepare for the convention. He thought too, that the youth commission should prepare questions for discussion.

DENNIS indicated that the convention would last four days and there would be a "public session" in the evening.

Discussion was also had regarding BILL FOSTER wherein DENNIS said FOSTER would address a letter to the National Committee. PHIL BART indicated that BILL (FOSTER ?) was going to have an article prepared.

The above is set out for informational purposes.

- 1 - NY 100-8057 (EUGENE DENNIS)(415)
- 1 - NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART)(415)
- 1 - NY 100-9365 (BIL FOSTER)(415)
- 1 - NY 100-80644 (CPUSA - YOUTH MATTERS)(415)
- 1 - NY (100-80641)

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, BALTIMORE [redacted] b7D DATE: 8/4/59
FROM : SA ROBERT C. NORTON
SUBJECT: INFORMATION FURNISHED BY SECURITY INFORMANT

The documentation for this information is as follows:

Identity of Source	Date of Activity And/or Description of Information	Date Furn.	Agent	Location
[redacted] (who has furnished reliable information in the past)		7/13/59	ROBERT C. NORTON (Written)	[redacted]

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CARE SHOULD BE USED IN REPORTING THIS INFORMATION IN ORDER THAT THE IDENTITY OF THE INFORMANT MAY BE FULLY PROTECTED

The text of the informant's statement is as follows:

"Baltimore, Maryland

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"On [redacted] at about 6:20 PM, [redacted] CP District Board member, telephoned [redacted]

[redacted] for the Maryland - D. C. CP District.

cc's:

1 - New York (Registered Mail)
PHIL BART

9 - Baltimore

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100-21435 YOUTH MARCH, 4/18/59
100-12458 FACTIONALISM

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[redacted] stated that he had called earlier because he was planning to take a vacation trip and wanted to leave the two rabbits belonging to his children with someone in Baltimore.

[redacted]

[redacted] arrived [redacted] at about 7:10 PM.

[redacted] CP [redacted] had called and had told [redacted] that a Youth March Committee meeting was taking place that evening. [redacted] did not have to attend since [redacted] and [redacted] would be able to report on the affair.

[redacted] car to the home of [redacted] said that he did not see how he could go on with the situation in Baltimore as it was.

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[redacted] if he was so disgusted with the CP that he was ready to resign.

[redacted] said that he would never give up his Party membership, but had to admit that he was disgusted not only with the local situation but also the situation which existed on a national level. [redacted] said that people well educated were needed to formulate policies, but even more necessary to the Party were working class leaders.

[redacted] said at the next national meeting he attended he planned to express his opinion of the recent activities of PHIL BART.

"Upon return from [redacted] said that [redacted] CP [redacted] was sick and suggested that he and [redacted] before he, [redacted] went on vacation at the end of that week."

This memo has been compared with the informant's original statement and it is accurate in substance.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES

DATE: 8/4/59

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA - ORGANIZATION
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- 2 - Los Angeles (100-) (FNU LNU, MN, believed to be husband of CHARLENE MITCHEL, seen at CP headquarters, NYC, [redacted] INFO) (RM)
- (1-100-4963) (PETTIS PERRY)
- 2 - Newark (100-19491) (PAT TOOHEY) (RM)
- (1- [redacted])
- 1 - Baltimore (100-12076) (GEORGE MEYERS) (RM)
- 1 - NY [redacted] (INV) (41)
- 1 - NY 100-16021 (ARNOLD JOHNSON) (415)
- 1 - NY 100-67234 (RUTH SHULMAN) (425)
- 1 - NY 100-100351 (SYLVIA HALL) (425)
- 1 - NY 100- [redacted]
- 1 - NY 100-13483 (BETTY GANNETT) (415)
- 1 - NY [redacted] (425)
- 1 - NY 100-54555 (EVELYN WIENER) (424)
- 1 - NY 100-93665 (MIRIAM FRIEDLANDER) (421)
- 1 - NY 100-70281 (JERRY DALY) (416)
- 1 - NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART) (422)
- 1 - NY 100-134953 (SARAH JAFFE) (41)
- 1 - NY 100-111666 (JACK SHULMAN) (415)
- 1 - NY 100- (JEANETTE LNU, close friend of [redacted] very fat, seen at CP headquarters, NYC, [redacted] (412)
- 1 - NY 100-9369 (THEODORE R. BASSET) (425)
- 1 - NY 100-81771 (DOROTHY ROBINSON) (425)
- 1 - NY 100-120546 (STANLEY GOODMAN) (422)
- 1 - NY 100-60640 (HAROLD J. COLLINS) (416)
- 1 - NY 100-94429 (SAUL GROSS) (424)

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1 - NY 100-99369 (ALLAN LAWS) (422)
1 - NY 100-105078 (HY LUMER) (415)
1 - NY 100-67670 (IDA POSNER) (416)
1 - NY 100-111939 (AGUSTA STRONG) (425)
1 - NY [REDACTED]
1 - NY 100-20 (MORRIS SCHAPPES) (425)
1 - NY 100-18065 (JACK STACHEL) (415)
1 - NY 101-559 (FABIAN JESUS COLON) (415)
1 - NY 100-79025 (MILDRED MC ADORY EDDLEMAN) (415)
1 - NY 100-1696 (ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN) (415)

1 - NY 100-8057 (GENE DENNIS) (415)
1 - NY 100-26018 (LOUIS WEINSTOCK) (415)
1 - NY 100-55159 (EDITH ROSENBERG) (421)
1 - NY 100- (FNU LNU, MN, tiny mustache, kinky hair, 30,
5'9"-10", very slim) (412)

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Identity of Source: [redacted] who has furnished
reliable info in past (conceal)

Description of Info: Details of info obtained on
[redacted] at CP headquarters. b7D

Date Received: 7/14/59

Received by: SA JAMES P. HALLERON (written)

Original Location: [redacted]

A copy of informant's written report follows:

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July 3/59

On [] at C.P. headquarters these people were seen:

ARNOLD JOHNSON
RUTH SHULMAN
SYLVIA HALL

[]
PETTIS PERRY
BETTY GANNETT

[]
EVELYN WEINER
MIMI FREEDLANDER
JERRY DALY
PHIL BART ✓
SARAH JAFFE
JACK SHULMAN

JEANETTE?
TED BASSET
DOROTHY ROBINSON
STANLEY GOODMAN
HARROLD COLLINS
SAUL GROSS —
WM. PATTERSON

[]
BEN DAVIS
CHARLIE DURBER
[]
IRVING POTASH
BILL STANLEY
LOUIS WEINSTOCK

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Negro- from Calif. Believed to be the husband of CHARLENE MITCHEL. Described in the report on CHARLENE's visit to N.Y. Negro- black- tiny mustache. Just a few hairs under his nose. Kinky hair. Age about 30- Height 5-9-10. Very slim. Wearing dark blue canvas shoes with ripple soles. Tan pants and a dark blue sport shirt with small white figures. No glasses - no hat. JEANETTE is the young girl mentioned in the last report. Fat. She is a close friend of [] She said that [] was away not visiting her son who lives in Chicago.

JERRY DALY helped with the collatting until 4 P.M. When he suddenly walked out. SYLVIA said that it was a shame he had to go as the work could not be finished without his help. She said he was "Screening seamen" and that they met every Thursday and it was his job to screen them. SARAH asked who screened JERRY and SYLVIA laughed and said that from the way he was acting lately he might need it but she said it a_ a joke. A little later she came in and said that JERRY was getting to be terribly "onery". That he would not do anything unless he wanted

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to and has taken up the habit of pretending he does not hear and walks out often when he is needed most.

A notice for a meeting was run off by SYLVIA HALL and she called SARAH to help her get them ready for mailing as they had to go out that night. Some of the names of people to whom this notice was mailed were:

SI GERSON
CHARLIE LOMAN
ALLAN LAWS
HI LUMAR
IDA POSNER
IRVING POTASH
AGUSTA STRONG

MORRIS SCHAPPES
JACK STACHEL

JESUS COLON
MILDRED MC ADORE EDDLEMAN
BEN DAVIS
ELIZABETH G. FLYNN
PAT TOOHEY
JOE JOHNSON
GENE DENNIS
DAVIS JAFFE
GEORGE MEYERS
LOUIS WEINSTECK

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The next meeting of the Bronx C.P. club will be held Thursday night at 8:30 P.M. at the apartment of EDITH ROSENBERG, 1482 Morris Ave, Bronx, Apartment 2C.

JAC, CHICAGO

8/5/59

SAC, NEW YORK (100-11032)

MORRIS CHILDS
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Identity of Informant: NY 1749-S* (Conceal and paraphrase)

Reliability: Who has furnished reliable information in the past

Date: 7/17/59

NY 1749-S* advised that on 7/17/59, an unidentified woman contacted PHIL (BART) and asked about PHIL's trip. PHIL said that he spent close to a week in Chicago and stayed at MORRIS's (CHILDS). Woman asked if "she" [redacted] was tied down in bed. PHIL said no. PHIL said that he saw a lot of people and it was sort of a reunion.

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Woman said that she was upset about BETTY's husband (JIM TORNEY). PHIL asked what she meant? Woman said "he" is in charge in Brooklyn. Woman also said she has two tickets for tomorrow night (for Garden). PHIL mentioned that he planned to go in August; that "they" were going to have three days in August.

PHIL said someone is driving out to where CONNIE (BART) is tomorrow (7/18/59), that he is getting a ride and will be back tomorrow night. PHIL mentioned that CONNIE would come back next week some time.

PHIL said that MORRIS is coming in next week and that is why he is busy this weekend. Woman said she understands. He asked if woman saw this weeks "Worker" about the handing out of subpcnas right and left. PHIL said there were 12 as far as they know. Woman said to all the people that teach. She

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(1- 100- [redacted])

- 1- New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
- 1- New York (100-12959) (CONNIE BART) (415)
- 1- New York (100- [redacted]) (HARRY ANSCHELL) (422)
- 1- New York (100-15946) (JIM TORNEY) (422)
- 1- New York (100-11032)

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said this came up in her outfit.. PHIL said there may be more as WEINSTOCK informed them four days after he got it. PHIL said they got an old man, HARRY ~~ANICHE~~ **ONCHER** in Brooklyn.

PHIL said he would try to see woman at end of next week. He said "they" are going to a meeting on Wednesday (7/22/59) and two days before that they have to do a lot of preparing.

PHIL said that CONNIE is coming back and going to work for a week then is going to a new job. PHIL said it just happened before they left. Woman asked if it was a private job? PHIL said the same kind of a job but not the same kind of company, that it does not pay any more but it has some opportunities.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-81)
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-86624) (415)
SUBJECT: CP, USA - INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
IS - C

NY 694-S* advised SA ALEXANDER C. EURLINSON on 3/5/59 that on the aforesaid date PHIL DART, CP, USA Organizational Secretary, stated that the CP of Cuba would hold its congress on August 30, 1959, and that "somebody" from the CP, USA would attend.

3 - INPCOM (100-3-81) (RM)
1 - NY 154-91 (INV) (415)
1 - NY 100-56579 (PHIL DART) (422)
1 - NY 64-56 (CP OF CUBA) (415)
1 - NY 100-86624 (415)

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1 - SUP. JOHN KEARNEY (415)

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Date: **AUG 5 1959**

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Via AIRTEL RM
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641)

SUBJECT: CP, USA - ORGANIZATION
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CARE MUST BE UTILIZED IN HANDLING AND REPORTING
THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION SINCE ITS VERY NATURE TENDS TO
IDENTIFY A SENSITIVE AND HIGHLY PLACED INFORMANT.

On 8/4/59, NY 2359-S* advised that a meeting of CP functionaries was held in the 3rd floor Board Room, CP headquarters, NYC on that date. PHIL BART was Chairman and among those in attendance with BART were ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, JACK STACHEL, HY LUMER, GUS HALL, IRVING POTASH and WILLIAM ALBERTSON.

- 5- Bureau (100-3-69) (RM)
 - (1- 100-3-81) (CP, USA-International Relations)
 - (1- 100-3-89) (CP, USA-Strategy in Industry)
- 1- New York (100-86624) (CP, USA-International Relations) (415)
- 1- New York (100-89590) (CP, USA-Strategy in Industry) (415)
- ①- New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
- 1- New York (100-1696) (ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN) (415)
- 1- New York (100-18065) (JACK STACHEL) (415)
- 1- New York (100-105078) (HY LUMER) (415)
- 1- New York (100-84994) (GUS HALL) (415)
- 1- New York (100-48033) (IRVING POTASH) (415)
- 1- New York (100-129629) (WILLIAM ALBERTSON) (416)
- 1- New York (100-80641) (415)

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BART read the following resolution: "and therefore be it resolved that Sec. 5, Art. 5 of the constitution specifying method of election of the NC be deleted. A substitute will be adopted by the next national convention ...". There appeared to be no objection to this resolution by those present.

BART then proposed that an Eastern conference be held at the same time as the Mid-Western conference on the 26th and 27th (month not specified). He followed with a proposal that the next full NEC meeting be held on the 15th and 16th of September. There were apparently no objections to either of these proposals.

GUS HALL characterized the coming visit of KHRUSCHEV as a "certain acceptance of reality" on the part of the EISENHOWER administration.

JACK STACHEL remarked that the KHRUSCHEV visit is a very important development marking a change in the cold war.

IRVING POTASH noted that (Vice-President) NIXON and American leaders who visited the S.U. have all reported that the Soviet people desire peace and friendship. He said the American people now have the opportunity to demonstrate to the Soviet leaders that they too are for peace and friendship. POTASH continued that efforts should be made to develop this theme which he felt can touch the imagination of the people. He said efforts should be made to encourage expression from one or two labor leaders as well as rank and file trade unionists that "we too are for peace and friendship".

POTASH then made reference to the AFL-CIO conventions stating the call to that convention notes that the labor movement is under its heaviest attack in more than a generation and the very right of the unions to survive is at stake.

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POTASH continued that this attack on the labor movement comes at a time when the influence of the labor movement is needed to promote freedom throughout the world. He said the labor movement fills a unique and indispensable role in the struggle for worldwide democracy. He concluded that the Party should give special emphasis to the steel strike.

JACK STACHEL stated that the question of how we can do constructive work in the trade unions must be answered.

WILLIAM ALBERTSON said the forthcoming convention will not be a united convention and there will be "stresses and strains".

ARNOLD JOHNSON gave a report on the history of the hearings concerning the Party's registration. He stated that the possibility exists that the Party could be required to register by the Spring of 1960. He added however, that "there will be a point of debate". JOHNSON cautioned that, because of the decision by the Court of Appeals, the SACB might tend to "boost up" other cases, such as those on the Jefferson School, the California School and the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade. He said the Party must try to prepare some publication explaining the McCarran Act to the public along the lines of the previous publication of April, 1951. He stated that "they should not take it for granted that the high court will just simply declare it (McCarran Act) unconstitutional".

ELIZABETH FLYNN urged that the Party "must show that the McCarran Act has a built in verdict" and that those persons who register under its provisions by that very act "admit to being part of an international conspiracy". She called for "a pamphlet" to be published very quickly to educate the people by "explaining what this McCarran Act is".

PHIL BART proposed that a sub-committee be delegated with the responsibility "to come in with a concrete program". No objections were raised.

The meeting adjourned without further action on the proposals made.

SAC, CHICAGO

8/6/59

SAC, NEW YORK (100-11032)

MORRIS, CHILDS
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Identity of Informant: NY 1749-S* (Conceal and
paraphrase)

Reliability: Who has furnished reliable
information in the past

NY 1749-S* advised on 7/26/59, that PHIL BART
contacted GENE DENNIS and advised that they were going to
continue the meeting at 9:30 am that morning. He wondered if
DENNIS would attend. GENE advised he would. BART said that
he has heard from MORRIS (CHILDS) and that he would tell GENE
about it that morning. BART also said that MORRIS would not be
in until the middle of the week.

- 1- Chicago (Info) (RM)
- 1- New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
- 1- New York (100-8057) (EUGENE DENNIS) (415)
- 1- New York (100-11032)

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM ** U. S. Government

TO : Director, FBI (100-3-69)

DATE: 8/6/59

FROM : SAC, Milwaukee (100-42)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
WISCONSIN DISTRICT
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

 IS A HIGHLY SENSITIVE SOURCE OF INFORMATION OF THE
MILWAUKEE OFFICE AND EXTREME CARE SHOULD BE EXERCISED IN USING
INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM THIS SOURCE.

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On who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished the following information concerning a meeting held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, instant date. Persons present: ALAN SHAW, member, CP National Committee, FRED BLAIR, Chairman, CP of Wisconsin, MARY BLAIR, Treasurer, CP of Wisconsin.

Pre-Convention Meeting
Held New York City

ALAN SHAW gave a report on the pre-convention meeting which he attended in New York City sometime between July 25 and July 30, 1959. SHAW stated that the Convention discussed the labor-steel strike. The Convention put out a proposal for a Negro Labor Committee which would devote itself to the question of breakdown in connection with trade unions and Negroes so far as the Party is concerned in the labor movement. SHAW said another aspect was brought out that there is a division of classes among the Negro people themselves. He said that in connection with the steel strike the Negroes were being hardest hit by automation.

- 2 - Bureau (100-3-69) (Registered Mail)
- 1 - Chicago (100-18953) (Organization) (RM)
- 2 - Detroit (100-2050) (Organization) (RM)
(100-13420) (CARL WINTER) (RM)
- ⑥ - New York (100-80641) (Organization) (RM)
(100-89590) (CP Strategy in Industry)
(100-) (Negro Question)
(100-) (Factionalism)
(100-56579) (PHIL BART)

- 2 - Milwaukee (100-42)
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SHAW stated there was a unanimous vote on the main political direction of the Party on the coming election. He said that Section 5 of the CP Constitution was the only question on which a negative vote was cast based on what has happened in the last two years. SHAW said he got the impression that there was factionalism within the National Committee of the Communist Party.

SHAW said the CP National Convention will be held December 10 through 12, 1959 at the Theresa Hotel, New York City, and that a call for this convention would be issued right away. He said National Committee officers would be elected at the Convention in December, 1959.

SHAW stated that the pre-convention meeting was also held to decide issues which were to be discussed at the December Convention. It was decided that the number of delegates from each CP District would be decided on the basis of average dues-paying members from October, 1958 through October, 1959 on the following scale:

0 to 50 dues-paying members - 1 delegate
50 to 100 dues-paying members - 2 delegates
100 to 200 dues-paying members - 3 delegates
over 200 in proportion

Each district is supposed to have a full quota of delegates. At this point MARY BLAIR stated that on the basis of the above scale, Wisconsin would have two delegates to the Convention. SHAW said the convention also voted a special assessment equal to two months' dues. He said a committee was set up to receive any proposed changes in the Constitution; however, this was not fully discussed due to the shortage of time. He said there were no basic changes except for the number of members of the National Committee and the Convention four years from now or until the Convention following the December, 1959 Convention.

He said the National Office of the CP has prepared a four page folder on the 30 hour work week which folder is presently being printed.

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Midwest Anniversary Meetings

SHAW stated that three of these meetings are to be held: one in New York; one in Chicago; and one on the West Coast. He stated that CARL WINTER had not been advised of these meetings and had a scheduled meeting to be held in Detroit for the same date. The meeting for Chicago is scheduled for Saturday, September 26, 1959 and GUS HALL is to be there as speaker. SHAW said that these meetings will be the first which have been sponsored by the Party as such to be held in years and years and as of now there has been no publicity sent out on these meetings.

SHAW said that if there were no changes in the present plans there will be a CP Regional Meeting held the day after the September 26, 1959 meeting in Chicago.

SHAW further stated that the Illinois District is preparing a letter to go out over (STONE's signature) to VIP's around the Midwest asking them to accept the CP as a political party.

The above is being submitted for the information of the Bureau and interested offices.

SAC, CHICAGO

8/6/59

SAC, NEW YORK (100-11032)

MORRIS CHILDS
IS-C

Identity of Informant: NY 1749-S* (Conceal and
paraphrase)

Reliability: Who has furnished reliable
information in the past

NY 1749-S* has reported that on 7/26/59, (PHIL BART) contacted (CONNIE BART) who asked what PHIL's plans are. PHIL said 6 o'clock and then return. He also said MORRIS (CHILDS) told him that day that he has number of things to discuss with PHIL; that "about her" - she is in the hospital, has had number of transfusions, and is now receiving painful new treatments.

- 1- Chicago (Info) (RM)
- 1- New York (100-12959) (CONNIE BART) (4/5)
- 1- New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (4/5)
- 1- New York (100-11032)

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK

DATE: 7 AUG 1959

FROM : CYRIL J. RYAN, SUPERVISOR, #42

SUBJECT: SECURITY INDEX TABULATION

In accordance with Bureau instructions, a review has been made of Security Index cases to tabulate the occupation of the subject and the product produced by the employer. The information obtained on stapled Photostat below was furnished to the Bureau by letter dated 8/3/59.

HUBART, PHILIP

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Communist Party, USA, 23 West 26th
Street, New York, New York

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This Photostat is being placed in the file for ready reference.

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SA ALEXANDER C. BURLINSON (415)

TED BASSETT
SM - C

Identity of Source: NY 694-S*, who has furnished reliable info in past (conceal)

Date of Activity: 8/6/59

Date received: 8/7/59

Received by: SA ALEXANDER C. BURLINSON

On 8/7/59, NY 694-S* advised SA ALEXANDER C. BURLINSON that on 8/6/59 PHIL BART, CP, USA Organizational Secretary, stated that TED BASSETT is currently in Cuba.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

201 East 69th Street
New York 21, New York

8/7/59

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Mr. Edward L. Braune, Agent
New York Telephone Company
140 West Street
New York 7, New York

Dear Mr. Braune:

In connection with an official investigation being conducted by this office, it is requested that you furnish listings for the following telephone numbers:

SH 3-9614

Your personal attention in protecting the confidential nature of our inquiry in this matter is greatly appreciated and I wish to express my thanks for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

H. G. Foster

H. G. FOSTER
Special Agent in Charge

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3284)

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-56579)

PHILIP BART
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WEEKLY SUMMARY 7/27 - 8/2/59
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On 7/27/59, NY 1749-S* advised that the subject telephonically contacted EDNA WINSTON and spoke to her about a number of items. He mentioned that he had been in Chicago for a week where he had spoken to LIL (GREEN), who sent her regards to EDNA. He said that he had stayed at MORRIS CHILDS' house and that CHILDS' wife has cancer.

The subject then asked her if she had been "down" to see HENRY WINSTON, and she said that she had not but she expected to go in a few weeks.

BART also told her, EDNA WINSTON, that GUS HALL was back from the West Coast and is working at the national office.

BART then asked her if she had been to the Soviet Exposition and when she said she had not, he told her he would send her a few tickets.

BART also mentioned when asked about the coming National Convention that it would be held from 12/10 - 13/59, at the Hotel Theresa.

On 7/29/59, NY 1749-S* advised that the subject had received a telephone call from LOUIS WEINSTOCK at approximately 7:30 a.m. WEINSTOCK told him that he was

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sorry to bother him so early in the morning but that he had received something late the previous evening and had been unable to get in touch with him that night. He said he would like to see BART during lunch time that day as he has a message to give to him personally. BART and WEINSTOCK agreed to meet at approximately 12:30 p.m. at a location near WEINSTOCK's employment.

Agents of the FBI observed the above meeting on 7/29/59, which lasted only a few minutes. The agents did not observe any article being passed by either person, and BART did not appear to lose any composure on receipt of the message from WEINSTOCK.

The surveillance of the subject after the meeting revealed that he proceeded to the office of JACK CHILDS at 23rd Broadway, NYC.

NY 694-S* advised on 7/29/59, that the subject visited CHILDS' office and related a number of items to CHILDS, none of which pertain to WEINSTOCK or contain information which would have appeared to come from him.

NY 1749-S* advised that later in the evening, the subject had called MORRIS CHILDS in Chicago and spoke with him regarding a number of items.

CHILDS told BART that he had been busy that day seeing [redacted] (This apparently refers to the trip [redacted])

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BART then mentioned that he called to tell MORRIS that the new draft on the constitution would be ready sometime around 8/10/59. He said that GENE DENNIS, who was working on another resolution, was going out of town and he would not be able to get to the resolution until sometime in September, and, consequently, there was no

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need for CHILDS to worry about it. He said that whenever CHILDS has a chance to come to NY, that he would be ready to discuss various matters with him but that there was no need to rush as there is plenty of time before the convention.

BART mentioned that there would be some type of a meeting at the end of August.

MORRIS then said he would try to get to NY sometime next week, and while there, he would like to see "IZZY" (WOPSY).

NY 694-S* advised on 7/29/59, that during BART's visit to the office of JACK CHILDS, they both discussed the matter of the 12th - 13th Street Corp. and CHARLES KELNER, who had offered to buy the building at 35 E. 12th St., NYC, which is owned by the CP, USA.

The information contained in this meeting was sent to the Bureau by airtel, dated 7/30/59, captioned, "CP, USA - FUNDS (RESERVE FUNDS)".

On 7/29/59, NY 1750-S* advised that the subject and his wife, during a discussion at their residence, spoke about having gone to the Soviet Exposition on the previous evening and on how satisfactory they had found it.

CONNIE asked PHIL how BETTY GANNETT was feeling and PHIL said that she had been examined by a doctor and that it appeared now that she may not need an operation. The subject commented that GANNETT "looks like hell and acts worse".

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They both then discussed the fact that CONNIE's birthday is on that coming Saturday (8/1/59), and that BETTY GANNETT's birthday takes place the following Tuesday. PHIL told CONNIE that he is going to have a dinner party to celebrate her birthday and BETTY GANNETT's. He said that JIM (TORMEY) and himself were going to cook the entire meal and serve everyone in their living room.

On 7/30/59, SAS of the NYO observed the subject to meet with IRVING HERMAN at approximately 2:00 p.m., on the southwest corner of 23rd Street and 5th Ave., NYC. The subject and HERMAN then proceeded to Madison Park on 23rd St., where they were observed talking on a bench for approximately an hour.

HERMAN is the former Director of Security for the National Underground of the CP, USA.

It is noted that on 7/23/59, NY 1749-S* advised that the subject had spoken telephonically to a male unsub and that they had agreed to meet at the above time and place.

On 7/30/59, NY 1750-S* advised that the subject and his wife, CONNIE, had discussed a number of matters at their residence. He commented that he would soon have to go to New Jersey for a period on CP business.

BART then spoke about a funeral which he had attended that day for JAMES J. GREEN, former editor of "March of Labor". Subject said that the services had been held in Brooklyn, and that he had seen SI GERSON and MAX GORDON there along with a number of other CP members. He said that there were also a great many ex-CP members in attendance. He commented that the Rabbi who had officiated felt very uncomfortable with all those "Marxists".

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CONNIE and PHIL then discussed various persons who had left the CP, and she commented that it was a shame that DOXIE WILKERSON had gotten mixed up with the Right-Wing but that after all he had agreed with them. She then commented that MAX WEISS was another person, but he could not go along with those people on the dissolution of the CP. The subject then disagreed with her on this point.

The subject then mentioned to CONNIE that BEN DAVIS' father-in-law, Dr. STAMLER, had died, and that he had been an old timer in the movement.

On 7/30/59, NY 1749-S* advised that BETTY GANNETT had telephonically contacted the subject and questioned him if the national office was going to do anything in connection with the funeral of NINA DAVIS' father, Dr. STAMLER. She told BART that STAMLER was somebody that "dated all the way back" and had a tremendous record with the CP. She said that she was quite sure that he had been a charter member of the Party, and he used to teach at the "old school".

GANNETT told BART that she had been trying without success to reach [redacted] to determine if anyone in the Bronx had planned to do anything for STAMLER. She said that he had maintained a dental office for many years in the "co-ops". She commented that she would probably call GENE DENNIS to find out if anything was being done.

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On 8/1/59, NY 1750-S* advised that a birthday dinner party had been held in the BARTS apartment in honor of the subject's wife, CONNIE, and BETTY GANNETT.

The source further advised that in addition to the subject and his wife, the party was attended by BETTY GANNETT and her husband, JIM TORMEY; ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, her sister, KATHY FLYNN and HY LUMER.

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The source further advised that most of the conversation was not of a political nature. However, at one point CATHY FLYNN related that "WILL" WEINSTONE had written to GENE DENNIS from the Soviet Union, and said that he did not want to return to the US. She said that DENNIS had in turn written back and said that he had better return or else.

During the party the subject commented that GUS HALL had been asked to the party but he was not able to make it because his travel is limited by the Government, and he was not allowed to go out of the NY district over to Brooklyn.

NY 1749-S* advised on 8/1/59, that WILLIAM PATTERSON had telephonically contacted PHIL BART at his residence and apologized for not being able to get to the party. PATTERSON said that his family had all gone to the beach that day, and that they had not arrived home as yet (9:30 p.m.). He told BART to give his warmest regards to CONNIE and BETTY and that if his family arrived from the beach shortly, he would try to get over to give his greetings personally.

The same source advised that later in the evening BILL ALBERTSON had telephonically contacted BART and told him that he and his wife, LILLIAN, would not be able to make it as they were unable to get a baby sitter. BART commented that he understood the problem and was sorry that they could not make it.

NY 1750-S* advised on 8/2/59, that the subject and his wife held a conversation in their apartment late in the evening after returning from a visit to Conn.

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The source advised that from the conversation it was apparent that the subject and his wife had spent the day at Stratford, Conn., where they had seen a presentation of SHAKESPEARE's play "The Merry Wives of Windsor".

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SAC, ALBANY (100-2349)

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA.
NEW YORK DISTRICT
NEW YORK DIVISION
INTERNAL SECURITY-C

Re New York letter to Albany, dated 7/29/59.

[redacted] was contacted on July 31 and furnished the following information:

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Concerning the comment on page one, paragraphs 3 and 4 to the effect that the Informant may be confusing [redacted] the Informant stated that it was definitely [redacted] who was observed in attendance at the [redacted] meeting of the New York State Communist Party State Committee and that [redacted] was the individual who was identified as a speaker. Informant stated that there was no confusion in his mind as to the identity of either [redacted] [redacted] Photographs of these two individuals were then displayed to the Informant and he reiterated that the identification of [redacted] was erroneous and that [redacted] was the Communist involved in this meeting. Informant stated that it had been quite some time since he had last seen [redacted] at a State Committee meeting.

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[redacted] will be contacted in this respect, as suggested in referenced letter.

Photographs of [redacted] were displayed to the Informant and he immediately identified [redacted] who had been a speaker at this State Committee meeting. He also made a positive identification of [redacted] as being the individual named [redacted] who had helped

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CC: 2-New York (100-26603) (RM)

- 1-New York [redacted]
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- 1-New York [redacted]
- 1-New York [redacted]
- 1-New York (100-56579, PHIL BART) (RM)
- 1-New York [redacted]
- 1-Albany [redacted]
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[redacted] with his report.

The photograph of PHIL BART was displayed to the Informant and he stated that he did not know this individual. It was then suggested to the Informant that this was possibly one of the two visitors, from [redacted] at this State Committee meeting. Informant stated that he was unable to make such an identification, based upon this photograph. He noted that he had just had a brief glimpse of these two individuals, that neither one of these had spoke, and that consequently he could not be sure that he could identify this second visitor from a photograph. Informant was instructed to be alert for the presence of this second visitor at another State Committee meeting.

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The photograph of [redacted] was displayed to the Informant and he immediately stated that she was identical with the unknown subject, white, female, mentioned on page 6 of Albany letter of June 25, 1959 (reporting the results of this State Committee meeting) who looked "enough like [redacted] to be her sister."

In the event that New York requires additional copies of the Informant's original report for dissemination to its unknown subject files, it is requested that the photostating of the Albany letter of June 25, 1959, be done in New York.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-56579) DATE: 8/7/59

FROM : SA [redacted] b6 b7C

SUBJECT: PHIL BART
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On 7/27/59, [redacted] advised SA JOHN A. HAAG b7D that a meeting of the National Committee of CPUSA was held at Adelphi Hall, 74 5th Avenue, NYC, on 7/25, 26/59.

Adelphi Hall consists of 8th floor through the 11th floor of building located at 74 5th Avenue, NYC. The first eight floors are occupied by other business establishments.

The above captioned individual was observed entering and/or leaving building 74 5th Avenue, NYC, on date indicated.

Date	Observed by SAS	
7/25/59	[redacted] JAMES G. FITZGERALD	b6 b7C
7/26/59	HAROLD P. QUINN WILLIAM J. BARRON	

The original log is located in 100-80641.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100-56579) (422)

FROM: SA [Redacted]

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DATE: 8/7/59

SUBJECT: PHIL BART
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The above captioned subject was observed entering and/or leaving 23 West 26th St., New York, New York.

NY 1726-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on 4/21/57 that effective 4/15/57 the National and New York State offices of the Communist Party would occupy the premises at 23 West 26th Street, New York, New York.

NY 694-S* on 6/5/58 advised that the editorial staff of "The Worker" was to be moved into the building at 23 West 26th Street on 6/7,8/58.

NY 2002-S* on 6/20/58 verified the occupancy of the basement and first floor areas of building by the office staff of "The Worker", an East Coast weekly Communist newspaper.

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OBSERVED BY SAS

7/20/59

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WILLIAM J. BARRON
JAMES G. FITZGERALD

A log covering the above surveillances is being maintained in NY file 100-4931-Sub O.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-56579)

DATE: 8/7/59

FROM : SA ROBERT G. SWEENEY

SUBJECT: PHILLIP BART
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NY 1749-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, reported on 7/29/59, that LOUIS WEINSTOCK on that date contacted PHIL BART, and made an appointment to meet with PHIL at 12:30 p.m. on 7/29/59. WEINSTOCK informed PHIL that he would meet him in front of the school at 42nd St., and 3rd Ave., NYC.

At 12:13 p.m. on 7/29/59, SAS JOSEPH A. CULLEN and ROBERT G. SWEENEY observed LOUIS WEINSTOCK dressed in painter's garb, seated on the steps of the Commercial High School, at 42nd St., and 3rd Ave., NYC. At 12:26 p.m. PHIL BART was observed to approach WEINSTOCK and engage him in conversation.

This conversation terminated at 12:41 p.m., at which time WEINSTOCK entered the Commercial High School.

SAS CULLEN and SWEENEY continued the surveillance of PHIL BART, and observed that after ending his conversation with WEINSTOCK, he proceeded to the Flat-Iron Building at 23rd St., and 5th Ave., NYC, where he entered at 1:02 p.m.

The above furnished for information.

EXTREME CARE SHOULD BE USED IN HANDLING AND REPORTING INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM NY 1749-S*, IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE IDENTITY OF THIS HIGHLY SENSITIVE INFORMANT.

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1-New York (100-56579) (415)

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (100-18209)

DATE: 8/7/59

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FROM : SA [redacted]

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SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY -
PAMPHLETS AND PUBLICATIONS
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On July 1, 1959, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, personally made available to the writer "A Letter To All Party Clubs," dated May 25, 1959, and signed by PHIL BART, identified as the National Organizational Secretary, Communist Party - USA. The letter is addressed to "Dear Comrades," and is retained in Chicago file 100-18209-1B8 (1147) and set forth as follows:

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- 5 - New York (RM)
 - 1 - 100-33737 (CP - Pamphlets and Publications)
 - 1 - 100-33733 (CP - Legislative Activities)
 - 1 - 100-33732 (CP - Domestic Administration Issues)
 - 1 - 100- ("The Worker")
 - 1 - 100- (PHIL BART)
- 7 - Chicago
 - 1 - A) [redacted] b7D
 - 1 - 100-19491 (CP - Domestic Administration Issues)
 - 1 - 100-18954 (CP - Legislative Matters)
 - 1 - 100-17977 (CP - Political Activities)
 - 1 - 100-19431 (CP - Strategy in Industry)
 - 1 - 100-14644 ("The Worker")

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"A LETTER TO ALL PARTY CLUBS

"May 25, 1959

"Dear Comrades:

"On behalf of the National Executive Committee of our Party, we write to call your attention to five important areas of concern to the people of our country and hence to our Party. We present these as key questions to which the present activities of your club should be related, and further activities developed in those forms most suitable to your area of work.

"These five issues are:

"I. PEACE -- Of crucial importance is the settling of the Berlin question. Preliminary steps are now being discussed at the meeting of foreign ministers in Geneva, but this must be followed by a summit meeting. Continued actions in support of such a meeting are therefore vital. In relation to this, the fight to end H-bomb tests should also be stepped up.

"II. DEFENSE OF LABOR'S RIGHTS -- The Kennedy-Ervin bill now before Congress is a most dangerous measure, aimed at bringing the labor movement under closer government control and further destroying its independence. It has already passed the Senate and is now before the House. Many sections of the labor movement have expressed opposition to the bill. This opposition is mounting, but is far from adequate. Progressives should not only join the existing opposition, but take the initiative in working to solidify and extend it through both trade union and community action.

"Steel negotiations are now in progress, with the steel corporations using every means to defeat the workers' demands for higher wages and shorter hours. This fight, which seems likely to lead to a strike in steel, is the vital concern of all workers, and everything possible should be done to build solidarity and support for the steel workers.

"Despite government-inspired optimistic announcements, the problem of unemployment is still very much with us. The main point of concentration remains the movement for the 30-hour week. Attention should be given to the fight for improvements in the unemployment compensation set-up, and to other measures for the benefit of the unemployed.

"III. THE NEGRO LIBERATION MOVEMENT -- The brutal lynching of Mack Charles Parker in Mississippi cannot go unanswered. The lynchers must be apprehended and punished as they deserve. The good initial response of the Party should be continued, accompanied by intensified action for passage of the Douglas-Celler civil rights bill now before Congress.

"Following the overwhelming success of the Youth March on Washington, the school integration struggle is moving into its next phase. The Party should give full support to the follow-up program of action adopted in Washington, and to all political and organizational developments growing out of the March.

"IV. YOUTH -- The National Committee devoted much attention to the long-neglected field of youth work at its last meeting. The report presented by Comrade Hy Lumer will appear in the June issue of Political Affairs. Particular attention should be paid to increasing participation in mass struggles in connection with school integration, the peace movement and the fight for jobs.

"V. STRENGTHENING PARTY CLUBS; BUILDING THE WORKER -- The activities of the Party, limited though they are, have helped to spur initiative on many issues. To strengthen its work, it is necessary to give particular attention to the Party club and its work. The rebuilding of the Party means rebuilding clubs. Bringing back former members means bringing them back into functioning, active clubs. The entire Party, from the existing clubs up, should devote itself to strengthening the Party clubs and multiplying their number. Every club should examine and discuss its approach to former members with the object of bringing them into the Party and in many instances to join their support for the Fund Drive and in other activities.

"We are in the midst of a Fund Drive to help assure the continued existence and expansion of the Worker, as well as to raise funds for the work of the Party. The drive, which started in April, has not yet found adequate response. Except in a few districts, the amounts raised are small. We urge every club to examine its own work in the drive and to take whatever steps are necessary to assure a rapid change. A special effort must be made to reach out beyond our own circles.

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"We are discussing the above questions as we begin preparations for our 17th National Convention, scheduled to take place in November. Two years have passed since the last convention, short in the life of a political party, but they were decisive. Those who tried to dissolve our Party failed. We should enter the coming convention with the kind of review of the past period which will help further to advance our movement and strengthen the Party.

"We will be discussing vital national questions which millions of others will also be talking about, because our convention coincides with the opening of the campaign for the 1960 elections. What better way to discuss such questions than in the light of living experience--of increased activities in every Party organization?

"This fall we will also celebrate the fortieth anniversary of our Party-- forty stormy years in which the life of our Party has been closely interwoven with all the major developments in the life of our country. No great issue can be mentioned of which the Communists have not been a part. This anniversary should be the occasion for looking ahead, for strengthening and building the Party to meet the tasks of the future.

"We are sure that many of the questions raised above have been discussed in your club. And no doubt many of you have accumulated experiences which can help the whole Party. We propose that you read this letter at your next meeting and that you discuss these issues as they are related to the problems in your shop and community. We also want you to share your experiences with the rest of the Party. Please let us have your ideas on how best to approach these questions or others which concern your club.

"Comradely yours,

Phil Bart

National Organizational Secretary
COMMUNIST PARTY, USA"

8/8/59

A I R T E L

AIR MAIL - REGISTERED

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-61)
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-33729)
SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY - USA
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Re Chicago teletype dated 8/7/59.

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- 3 - Los Angeles
 - (1 - 100-) (CP-USA, International Relations)
 - (1 - 100-4663) (BEN DOBBS)
 - (1 - 100-4486) (DOROTHY HEALEY)
- 4 - New York
 - (1 - 100-96624) (CP-USA, International Relations)
 - (1 - 100-99691) (CP-USA, Domestic Administration Issues)
 - (1 - 100-56879) (PHIL BART)
 - (1 - 100-16021) (ARNOLD JOHNSON)
- 1 - San Francisco (100-) (NICKY LINA)
- 7 - Chicago
 - (1 - A/134-46)
 - (1 - 100-3470) (MORRIS CHILDS)
 - (1 - 100-2743) (SAM KUSHNER)
 - (1 - 61-367) (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT)
 - (1 - 100-20269) (JAMES WEST)
 - (1 - 100-) (ARNOLD JOHNSON)

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UTMOST CARE MUST BE USED IN HANDLING AND REPORTING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION SINCE THIS INFORMATION, BY ITS VERY NATURE, TENDS TO DISCLOSE CG 5824-S* AS THE SOURCE THEREOF. IN THE EVENT THIS INFORMATION IS INCORPORATED IN A REPORT SUITABLE FOR DISSEMINATION, IT IS SUGGESTED THAT COMPLETE PARAPHRASING BE USED IN ORDER TO FULLY PROTECT THE IDENTITY OF A HIGHLY PLACED INFORMANT.

CG 5824-S* orally furnished the following information to SA JOHN E. KEATING on 8/7/59:

ARNOLD JOHNSON, National Legislative Director and member of the International Affairs Committee of the Communist Party - USA (CPUSA), arrived in Chicago late Thursday evening, 8/6/59, on an important mission. JOHNSON stated that he had been told by PHIL BART, National Organization Secretary of the CPUSA, to contact MORRIS CHILDS, also a member of the International Affairs Committee of the CPUSA, before enlisting the aid of top leaders of the CP of Illinois.

JOHNSON stated that the purpose of his trip was to get certain material about everything and anything concerning the cities in the United States which NIKITA KHRUSHCHEV will visit. This material would be used to brief KHRUSHCHEV. JOHNSON indirectly indicated in his conversations that the CPUSA was not doing this on its own initiative, but had been requested directly or indirectly to obtain this material. JOHNSON stated that he wanted the material before the end of the week of 8/9/59, and that he would turn it over to someone connected with the Russian Embassy.

Outline of the Type of Material
JOHNSON Requested

JOHNSON stated that he wanted all material available from public sources which could be used for briefing KHRUSHCHEV. The following were items mentioned by JOHNSON:

Where does the largest number of people congregate in a given city? What time of day is there the largest congregation of people in the industrial areas and in the shopping areas?

Facts concerning the slum areas, such as, what are the boundaries of the slum areas? The names of the main streets in slum areas. What is the composition of the population in slum areas? Are the slum areas Negro neighborhoods or mixed neighborhoods? Is there a large congregation of Puerto Ricans or other nationality groups in the slum areas?

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The national group composition of the city. The percentage of Negroes in the city. Facts on industries and occupations.

Facts on housing developments. Is there a lack of housing developments? What are the areas where there are housing developments? Are there any housing developments where there has been friction due to racial disturbances? JOHNSON cited Trumbull Park as an example, in Chicago. What caused the racial tensions; what is the situation now, etc.?

In regard to the suburbs, is the population made up of workers, middle class elements, or the rich?

Any facts on unemployment, such as unemployment trends. Facts about the relief roll. What is the amount and length of unemployment insurance benefits, etc.?

What is happening in the city in regard to the problem of juvenile delinquency?

A general picture of the educational institutions. How many students are in elementary, high schools, colleges, graduate schools, research institutions, etc.? The names of leading educational institutions and educators.

What are the leading churches and facts on parochial schools?

A run-down of the cultural institutions, such as opera houses, art museums, music halls, etc. Names and types of civic and athletic institutions.

In areas where there are migratory workers, what is the status of these workers?

Information on political parties in the State. Who is the Governor? Who controls the legislature? Who controls the city? Who is the Mayor? What political party is in power?

What are the basic trade unions. How many members in each of the basic trade unions? If any strikes are in progress, background material in regard to the strikes.

Information on the transportation system, including

buses, subways, elevated trains, railroads, etc. How many automobiles are in a given area, and are they a factor in the transportation picture? In a city such as Chicago, what are the main transportation arteries leading to and from the city. What is the relation of a city such as Chicago to the farm area? Does it serve as a shipping or re-shipping center? Is it a commercial center, exchange center, or merchandise center?

The names of all the newspapers. The number of radio and television stations in the city.

Some facts about the St. Lawrence Seaway. Has shipping increased or decreased since its opening?

All published information of a historical or cultural value which would serve to brief a personality about a particular area. For example, Illinois is famous as the home of ABRAHAM LINCOLN. Historical facts regarding ABRAHAM LINCOLN or similar facts giving a historical background of the area should be obtained.

Contacts Made by JOHNSON in Chicago

In addition to CHILDS, JOHNSON contacted CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, Chairman; JAMES WEST, Executive Secretary; and SAM KUSHNER, Vice Chairman of the CP of Illinois. JOHNSON did not tell KUSHNER the real reason for gathering this material. He told KUSHNER that the material would be made available to the press representatives, such as Tass reporters, accompanying KHRUSHCHEV, so they could use this material as background for stories which they will write.

JOHNSON also did not indicate to LIGHTFOOT, KUSHNER, and WEST that the sole purpose of his trip to Chicago was to obtain assistance in the gathering of this material. He first talked about some of the generalities in regard to the international situation which were discussed by the resident National Executive Committee (NEC) of the CPUSA in New York City on 8/6/59. These discussions were held in a restaurant in Chicago.

JOHNSON's Report on the Meeting of the Resident NEC of the CPUSA

JOHNSON stated that at the meeting of the resident NEC in New York City on 8/6/59, those present were self-critical because they did not foresee the rapid development of events in

the international arena. As an example, they referred to the fact that the story of NIXON's trip to Russia was placed on the back page of the last issue of "The Worker". "The Worker" was more concerned with the problem of NIXON than it was about the effect of NIXON's visit in regard to the international situation or the issue of peace.

The resident NEC also gave consideration to whether it could or should utilize CP peace organizations, or peace organizations which it might be able to influence, to do something in the way of issuing statements or placing advertisements in newspapers by way of greeting the exchange of visits and talks between KHRUSHCHEV and EISENHOWER as events which could lead to the easing of tensions or even the breaking up of the cold war.

JOHNSON stated that no decision was arrived at, since the majority of those present felt that the visits will get a lot of front page publicity, in any case, so what the devil can they say that will not be said; it will be free publicity.

JOHNSON also stated that the Party has to be careful. He cited an example to illustrate this. He stated that the "New York Daily News" had called the National Office of the CPUSA on 5/6/59, and PHIL BART answered the inquiry. The "New York Daily News" had indicated in editorials that the CPUSA is linked up with international Communism. So, the inquiry was whether or not the CPUSA has a hand in the visit of KHRUSHCHEV's visit to the United States.

JOHNSON stated that it was the consensus of opinion in the National Office of the CPUSA that the CPUSA will welcome the visit of KHRUSHCHEV and greet it as all other Americans. It will point out that the CPUSA has no special interest in the visit. Thus, the idea is for the CPUSA to stay in the background, not become too active or become linked up with the visit. The reason for this is that if a mistake is made, then those who are opposed to the exchange of visits by KHRUSHCHEV and EISENHOWER may, like the "New York Daily News", try to utilize this situation to link up the CPUSA with the diplomatic situation. Thus, the CPUSA wants to keep out of this exchange as much as it can.

JOHNSON commented that the general feeling in the National Office of the CPUSA is that the exchange of visits between KHRUSHCHEV and EISENHOWER is a big event. It is one of the biggest events since World War II. Now, this does not mean

that the cold war has come to an end. They have no illusions about this because they see counter forces at work and at play. Everything is not going to be easy sailing and not everything will be in the direction of progressive development. Therefore, the CPUSA still has to be alert in fighting for peace.

JOHNSON further stated that it was the opinion of the resident NEC that the CPUSA has to take a second look at the relationship of the major political parties in the United States. While it so happens that labor is supporting the Democratic Party, yet it is the Republican Party which is pursuing a policy of easing international tensions. It was a Republican Vice President who travelled to Moscow. It was a Republican Vice President who invited KHRUSHCHEV to the United States, and it was a Republican President who received an invitation to visit Russia by KHRUSHCHEV.

Further, only some TRUMAN Democrats and some so-called liberal Democrats are fighting against this exchange and are still talking about 'get tough' policy and thus are preventing a change or re-development of American foreign policy. Therefore, the question of peace should be put more to the forefront, with more pressure on the Democratic Party with regard to domestic problems, such as the question of civil rights, the role of the Dixiecrats, economic problems, and the labor reform bills now before Congress.

Future Travel Plans of ARNOLD JOHNSON

JOHNSON stated that he was leaving Chicago at 9:30 P.M. on 8/7/59, on Continental Airlines for Los Angeles. He would spend about one and one-half days in Los Angeles, and then proceed to San Francisco. He planned to see DOROTHY HEALEY and BEN DOBBS in Los Angeles, as well as anyone else they might suggest. He stated that while he did not want to see DOROTHY HEALEY particularly, he could not go to Los Angeles without seeing the District Chairman. He also plans to visit his 90-year-old parents in Los Angeles. In San Francisco, he would see WICKY LINA. The main purpose of his trip to the West coast was the same as the trip to Chicago.

JOHNSON said that he would return to Chicago on Tuesday evening, 8/11/59.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641)(415)

SUBJECT: CP, USA - ORGANIZATION
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DATE: 8/10/59

On 7/29/59, [redacted] in the presence of SAS VINCENT E. MURPHY of Newark and JOHN A. HAAG of New York, dictated eight Dictabelts concerning the proceedings of the July 25-26, 1959, meeting of the National Committee of the CP, USA. b7D

5 - Bureau (100-3-69) (Encl. 2) (RM)
(1-100-3-89) (CP, USA - STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY)
(1-100-3-68) (CP, USA - MEMBERSHIP)
(1-100-3-75) (CP, USA - NEGRO QUESTION) (Encl. 1)

4 - Chicago (100-24729) (EMMANUEL BLUM) (RM)
(1-100-2748) (SAM KUSHNER) 1 - 61-867 (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT)
(1-100-18457) (RALPH TURNER)

2 - Cleveland (65-721) (ANTON KRCHMAREK) (RM)
(1-100-) (GUS HALL)

3 - Detroit (100-8482) (TOM DENNIS) (RM)
(1-100-13420) (CARL WINTER)
(1-100-945) (NAT GANLEY)

2 - Los Angeles (100-52571) (CHARLENE MITCHELL) (RM)
(1-100-4486) (DOROTHY HEALEY)

2 - Newark [redacted] (RM)
(1-100-19491) (PAT TOOHEY)

1 - Pittsburgh (100-1763) (STEVE NELSON) (RM) b7D

1 - San Francisco (65-1242) (MICKEY LIMA) (RM)

1 - NY [redacted] (INV) (41)

1 - NY 100-8057 (EUGENE DENNIS) (415)

1 - NY 100-48033 (IRVING POTASH) (415)

1 - NY 100-89590 (CP, USA - STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY) (415)

1 - NY 100-80638 (CP, USA - MEMBERSHIP) (415)

1 - NY 100-80640 (CP, USA - NEGRO QUESTION) (415)

1 - NY 100-105078 (HY LUMER) (415)

1 - NY 100-9365 (WILLIAM Z. FOSTER) (415)

1 - NY 100-18065 (JACK STACHEL) (415)

1 - NY 100-79025 (MILDRED MC ADORY) (415)

1 - NY 100-84275 (WILLIAM PATTERSON) (415)

1 - NY 100-23825 (BENJAMIN DAVIS) (416)

1 - NY 100-13473 (SI GERSON) (415)

1 - NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART) (422) *Pages 428, 34, 35*

1 - NY 100-129629 (WILLIAM ALBERTSON) (416)

1 - NY 100-80641 (415)

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These Dictabelts were transcribed by Typist [redacted] of the NYO on 8/3 and 4/59, and the resultant report was authenticated by the informant on 8/5/59. The location of this report is [redacted] (INV).

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The informant referred in his report ^{to} the proceedings of a meeting held at Party Headquarters on [redacted] which dealt with the current steel strike. He stated that the meeting on the steel strike merely prepared the report [redacted] at the National Committee meeting of [redacted].

The informant's report follows:

On a meeting of the CP, USA,
National Committee was held at Adelphi Hall, 5th Avenue, N.Y.C.

Those present were:

William Albertson

Anton Krchmarek

Emanuel Blum

Sam Kushner

Eric Bert

Si Gerson

Phil Bart

Claude Lightfoot

Jesus Colon

Mickey Lima

Ben Davis

Hy Lumer

Eugene Dennis

Mildred McAdory

Tom Dennis

George Meyers

Ben Dobbs

Charlene Mitchell

Charles Dirba

Tom Nabried

Elizabeth Gurley Flynn

Burt Nelson

Betty Gannett

Steve Nelson (1st day only)

Flo Hall

William Patterson

Gus Hall

Pettis Perry

Dorothy Healey

Irving Potash

John Hellman

Al Richmond

Arnold Johnson

Milt Rosen (1st day only)

Clarence Sharp

Homer Chase

Alan Shaw

Nat Ganley

Jack Stachel

Hosea Hudson (called Bill)

Pat Toohey

(present 1st day only)

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Ralph Turner

Mary Kalb

Louis Weinstock

George Morris

Carl Winter

Constantine Radze

Isador Wofsey

Fred Fisher

Paul Novick

Mortimer Scheer

The meeting was opened by EUGENE DENNIS, who recommended on behalf of the NEC that TOMMY DENNIS of Michigan chair the first day's session of the meeting. No objection was expressed to this procedure at the time, but afterwards several members of the National Committee objected vehemently to Eugene Dennis on the grounds that they thought the NEC had more important things to do than to define and recommend the very smallest subject for consideration by the full National Committee, implying that they thought the National Committee itself had sufficient wisdom to be able to elect a Chairman to conduct their sessions. TOMMY DENNIS introduced BART to present the suggested agenda for the two-day meeting.

The suggested agenda represented also the detailed recommendations of the NEC. First, that the major part of the first day be given to a report by IRVING POTASH and supplementary reports by KRCHMAREK of Ohio, KUSHNER of Illinois, and BLUM of Indiana, on the present steel strike. Second, a consid-

eration of the draft political resolution prepared for the Seventeenth National Convention of the Party. Third, discussion and adoption of the final draft of the resolution on Negro policy. Four, consideration of the draft of a new constitution for the Party to be presented in the current discussion and for the Seventeenth Convention. Fifth, setting the date of the National Convention and determining the basis of representation and other organizational details. On Friday, [redacted] from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the National Office, there had taken place a conference and discussion on the steel situation. Those attending are listed separately and embraced almost half of the National Committee attending the full session. In many ways, the ensuing discussion on steel was therefore a dry repetition of what had occurred the day before. At the steel conference a roundelay of speeches took place on what was presumed to be the situation existing in the steel industry and how long would the current steel strike last. Also, what was the policy being pursued by the steel corporations with reference to the trade unions? What the role and the intent of the Eisenhower Administration? What was the influence and

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relationship of the steel strike to the remainder of the labor movement and so forth? The remarks of those who spoke may be characterized as extremely general and without relation to much specifics. The conclusion of all seemed to be that the strike would be a long one and that there was every likelihood of the steel union losing its main demands. That in the event such a loss occurred by the steel union, it would have a disadvantageous effect upon a large number of other unions whose economic demands are now commencing to arise, such as in aluminum, mine mill and smelter, electrical and various other industries. The conclusion of this so-called analysis, was for the purpose of establishing that the steel strike is a strike of all labor and that it is the responsibility of the Party, among others, to mobilize and arouse the greatest degree of support for the winning of the steel strike from other sections of the labor movement and from the community as a whole. It was analyzed that the Eisenhower Administration is acting deliberately in support of the steel corporations by refusing to intervene by refusing to invoke the Taft-Hartley Law, for the reason that the steel corporations desire a long strike for the purpose of bleeding the union and at the same time disposing of a very heavy inventory of

stocks. The reports by KRCHMAREK, BLUM, POTASH and others, were concentrated around these two points generally. The discussions were in no ways different and the proposals which they made were practically the same as previous discussions on the steel strike held some time ago and upon which reports have been made. As a result of this so-called steel conference on [REDACTED] was charged to present to the full b7D National Committee, the substance of the thinking and the general proposals of the meeting. The general proposals were that the Party would strive to mobilize its own ranks for the purpose of arousing larger sections of the labor and progressive movement to directly intervene in the struggle of the steel union through the form of resolutions, statements, declarations, financial support, and similiar measures. The Party itself will strive to influence the course of developments in steel situations by a widespread utilization of "The Worker", and also by the use of a four-page flyer addressed to the entire labor movement. They will also issue a leaflet for national distribution on the subject of the shorter work day, automation, and similiar issues which they believe to be associated with the steel strike and steel situation. This

was the general subject presented to the full National Committee on the morning of the first day. In view of the fact that more than half of the people present had already sat through long meetings discussing this subject, and because the subject itself was rather dry, and general and nothing much new to say upon it, the first half of the National Committee session was extremely dry and most of the people present exhibited a great restlessness. KRCHMAREK, BLUM and KUSHNER made their reports as to what is the situation in their respective areas as to how the strike stands, as to the morale of the people, as to the weaknesses in the situation, etc., and POTASH, in a long speech, "summarized" the previous discussion and presented a series of very general recommendations along the line early referred to. After these four speakers had presented the so-called steel situation to the meeting, no one present was inclined to ask for the floor to make any further comment. The members of the Committee did not want to drag this listless subject further. Despite the efforts of the Chairman to induce the so-called concrete discussion upon the subject, no one was inclined to say anything. Most of the day had already been

wasted and there seemed to be a feeling among many people present that they did not come to New York for the subject which had already obviously wasted so much time. They indicated they wanted to get to the main subject for which the meeting had been convened. These were consideration of the proposed documents and resolutions for the National Convention. However, there was some evidence that the small ruling circle of the National leadership had decided to pursue a course which would make impossible the full consideration of these documents. The actual wasting of most of the first day's session on such a trite subject as the steel strike and what came later in deflecting the consideration of the constitution as well as the controversial aspects of the main political resolution would tend to confirm this assumption. About 2:00 p.m. of the first day, the general proposals made by POTASH on the steel strike was listlessly adopted and the floor then opened for proceeding to a discussion upon the main political resolution. When this point was reached, a number of sharp criticisms were leveled from the floor. The draft political resolution was supposed to have been sent to all NC members by mail as early

[redacted] for their study, suggestions and criticism and to allow time for them to prepare notes and comments for their remarks at the full National Committee meeting. The resolution submitted to the members at this meeting had a covering letter which indicated this resolution was prepared and ready for mailing [redacted] but was never sent and the first the members of the NEC saw the resolution was when it was handed to them at this meeting as they entered the hall. Therefore, the resolution was called up for discussion and speeches without the members having had any opportunity for examination, study and preparation of remarks. In answer to these complaints, a proposal was made and adopted that the meeting adjourn for one and one half hours during which time the members could get a sandwich and also hurriedly look through the suggested draft resolution. Considerable remarks were privately expressed that the resolution was held up and presented in this fashion for the sole purpose of depriving a far-going examination and constructive discussion upon its line and proposals. It seemed obvious that the intent of the small group in the resident NEC was to ride this resolution through the meeting with as little concrete

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and critical examination and discussion as possible. When the meeting reconvened, about 4:00 p.m., the discussion upon the resolution commenced. The first several speakers as CHASE, HEALEY, GERSON and others, sharply objected to what they characterized as a bureaucratic practice of presenting the resolution in such a way that the members were unable to express their best thoughts and suggestions upon it. As the discussion upon the draft resolution commenced, BART and DENNIS made another odd proposal to the meeting. The proposal was that the content of this resolution be discussed in part, that is, the subjects included only in the first sixteen pages of the draft. These are considered the general political problems, the questions of the Party's line on national and international affairs and things of that nature. It was proposed that section five of the resolution which occupied from page 16 to 23 be set aside for a separate discussion entirely. It was also indicated perhaps as a method of side tracking sharp criticism and controversy over section 5, that the section is in need of substantial amendment and that such amendment is being considered and a separate resolution will be prepared and be presented on the subject

of Party organizational problems. It should be noted that under Section 5 of the resolution are contained most, if not all, those subjects which are bound to occasion sharpest disagreement and controversy. Obviously this was a tactic to side track such a type of discussion and to concentrate all attention and consideration upon what it generally conceded to be the non-controversial and generally acceptable feature of the resolution. As indicated, those features deal with general, national and international problems and the Party view and attitude toward them. Very few Communists, if any, would disagree or present a contrary policy to that indicated in the first sixteen pages of the draft resolution. The meeting accepted the proposal only under the impression that it would be an efficient division of the subjects so that each group would receive a better attention and treatment. Unknown at the time was the fact that this proposal was really intended to prevent all of those subjects under section 5, from coming before the meeting at all and to completely side track, deter and prevent any kind of a discussion upon them. The result was another very general and very vague discussion upon the first portion of this resolution. Despite the constricted

fashion in which it was presented to the meeting, a considerable number of disappointments were registered by various speakers.

STEVE NELSON expressed the most sharp and contemptuous attitude toward the resolution. He characterized it as the same old story, nothing new, uninspiring, flat and a resolution evasive of the practical realities and problems of our life and our times. He felt the resolution deeply reflected the total isolation of the Party from the realities of American life and in his mind the inability of the leadership of the Party to comprehend what was fundamentally necessary to bring about a change from what we presently confront. He was especially critical of the seeming inability of the leadership to understand the course and expected development of the total economy. He expressed impatience against LUMER's economic article, of the Party's lack of knowledge and understanding as to the economic process and the Party's role arising therefrom.

NELSON's remarks were an oblique attack upon the entire line of the present leadership and the leadership itself, which he held to be incompetent and unable to extricate the Party from the situation in which it finds itself.

Other speakers representing the former rightist view

ss RICHMOND, HEALEY, GERSON, were not as sharp as NELSON in their attack, but confined themselves to general agreement with the line of the resolution in regard to the struggle for peace and the policy of striving to create a broad democratic front but at the same time expressed their disappointment in what they thought was the emptiness and vagueness of the resolution and said that it was not the type of resolution that would arouse, inspire and mobilize the depressed ranks of the Party for new gains. Another group of speakers such as DAVIS, CHASE, BLUM and others contented themselves with picking out one or another specific and insignificant topic as the excuse to really speak upon other questions. It was obvious from the remarks of DAVIS and BLUM that there existed at this meeting a deep undercurrent of struggle between the group known as leftists, ultra leftists and the national office leadership of DENNIS, LUMER and STACHEL. You will observe on page 19, under point seven of the resolution a direct attack against those forces within the Party who are considered to be taking a negative attitude toward the mass struggle being developed by or through union organizations and who proclaim the need of united front Party activity,

independent of and from the mass movements and mass organizations. Also under point nine on page 21, where the Party is called upon to vigorously combat doctrinarianism and sectarianism and to conduct a relentless struggle against ultra-leftism and factionalism. This is the subject which arouses the ire of the left and ultra-left element headed by BEN DAVIS, CHARLENE MITCHELL, MANNY BLUM and a number of others who actually oppose the resolution and want substituted instead of this attack upon the ultra-left, to establish the principle that the main enemy of the Party internally is not the leftists but that of the remnants of revisionists and right-wing opportunism. On the other hand, the sections of the resolution under section five, which warned the Party against the revisionists and opportunists is objected to by the remnants of the right-wing forces who want to establish that this is a minor ailment altogether. Consequently, in the National Committee, and at this meeting, there were reflected the continuation of the struggle between the two narrow wings of leftists on the one hand and rightist opportunist elements on the other. Under the guise of constructive-

ly discussing the political aspects of the draft resolution both these tendencies freely dealt with their pet peeves at the least opportunity. The general discussion upon the political aspects of the resolution and as said with the exclusion of the organizational problems under section five, resulted in the main in an arid, very general and quite meaningless discussion. First, because no one in the meeting opposed or as CARL WINTER said in his remarks, had any opposite or contrary policy to present with respect to the main policy question. The discussion was animated only at times when speakers stopped to inject or smuggle into the meeting and discussion the factionalism disagreements and the animosity which are rampant. This was best expressed and exemplified when the letter of FOSTER was read. LUMER read a letter from FOSTER being FOSTER's comments upon the draft resolution which he had earlier read. The contents of FOSTER's letter certainly were not agreed to by STACHEL, DENNIS and LUMER, but they faced the quandry of how to handle this like previous epistles from FOSTER without opening up the floodgate of a knock-down fight with the leftist bloc.

FOSTER stated in his letter that in the main he agreed with the general line of the resolution with respect to its political policy of being for a people's front of emphasizing the peace struggle, and similiar basic issues. However, he wished to make a few amendments which he thought was necessary to sharpen up the points already indicated. The amendments he suggested were not amendments at all but were totally new, and in some respects, opposite proposals to what the resolutions proposed. First, he thought the resolution under stressed the actual danger of the outbreak of war and consequently was not indicating in the sharpest form the policies necessary to alert the people to such dangers. On politics he again raised in a very aggressive manner, the subject which several of his previous letters have gone into in detail. That is, the necessity of the Party commencing to make as an active issue of the day, the need of the organization of a labor party (farmer-labor party). Third, on matters relating to the internal struggle, he raised very sharply the argumentation that it is the rightist-opportunist danger which is the major enemy of the party.

If one were to examine the FOSTER letter and the draft resolution, it would be seen that FOSTER severely opposes, certainly on the aforementioned three subjects, the formulations and the attitude expressed in the resolution. In other words he postulates a contrary political line and obviously sets himself, and those who support him, in opposition to the stated policy in the draft resolution. In other words it exemplifies the continuousness of FOSTER's sharp disagreement with the policies and line expressed and being followed by DENNIS, STACHEL, LUMER, JACKSON, and those who are considered to be the ruling force within the present operative leadership of the Party. Foster, on the one hand, and the other group on the other hand, are confronted by the problem and the necessity of waging this disagreement in such oblique forms at the present time or else risk the open break that neither of them at this moment appears to want. The result is a constant undercurrent of pot-shooting, sniping, attacking and counter-attacking, in so-called polite fashions, which however, does not delude or mislead anyone listening in on the matter. It was understood FOSTER's letter

would be read and considered part of the discussion and FOSTER's general views upon the subjects before the meeting and that his views would receive the same attention and consideration in the final formulating of the resolution as that of any other speaker. At this point however, MANNY BLUM upset the applecart with a strong implication that he was speaking directly on the authority of FOSTER. BLUM made a long speech as to the correctness of the views contained in the FOSTER letter and the absolute necessity of these views being made a part of the final resolution. Whereupon, he made a formal motion that the letter of FOSTER be adopted by the meeting as its own views and that its contents be inserted into the final resolution. This was all that was necessary to uncork the pent up wrangles that up to this point had been deftly deferred or sidetracked. It was the occasion for the immediate taking sides, wherein everyone in the meeting was placed in the uncomfortable position of being made to declare himself if he is for or against FOSTER. In BLUM's support was the small knot of ultra-leftists such as CHARLENE MITCHELL, MILLIE MACADORY and noticeably in support

when motions were being voted on, TURNER of Chicago, and unexplainably PATTERSON. A nasty and disagreeable situation ensued as a result of BLUM's motion. As is the habit of National Committee meetings, it wandered into a most confused and mixed up parliamentary situation. BEN DAVIS was placed in a very uncomfortable position for although he is in deepest sympathy with the ultra-leftist crowd he was annoyed at the ineptness of BLUM for placing everyone in an uncomfortable situation and tactically a very unwise state of affairs. After more than an hour of wrangling, this situation was resolved by a direct vote. STACHEL had made a motion which had been ammended several times to the general effect that FOSTER's letter be received and his views accepted for consideration on the same basis of the views of any other speaker, by the committee which will edit the final resolution. On this vote, a direct division took place where only the small knot of ultra-leftists voted for the proposal of BLUM. That was BLUM, MAC ADORY, MITCHELL, TURNER and I believe PATTERSON. Parenthetically, this is the first time PATTERSON has ever been seen to vote in the National Committee and the question

is who elected him and when. About ten people abstained on the STACHEL motion. Namely as a result of disgust with the total proceedings, not that they were particularly in favor with BLUM. or STACHEL. I believe the vote was 25 for the STACHEL motion, eight abstentions, and five or six voting for the BLUM. motion. The next day this question flared up again. Apparently overnight, someone had talked to BLOOM or perhaps FOSTER had heard of the proceedings and realized that BLUM ineptly had created a situation which pulverized and forced a disagreeable division on an unnecessary issue between all the members of the National Committee. It is very likely, FOSTER directly intervened with BLUM. Surely BLUM would pay attention to no one from the other side. In any case, toward the end of the NC meeting, BLUM rose to indicate that he had unanimous agreement on the part of the leading comrades to make a statement. He made a statement merely requesting permission to withdraw his motion of the day before and to expunge the entire event from the records of the meeting. HEALEY, GANLEY, GERSON and several others indignantly refused to hear of it. They argued it was as easy to expunge yesterday's rain-

fall. However, the rainfall took place and no matter how much we said it did not, it did take place. They argued that it was impossible to expunge the fact that something occurred and that it should remain as so. Others argued heatedly that BLUM. had a right to withdraw his motion and that the occurrence not be published but if necessary retained as a part of the Party records. This again took nearly an hour during which acrimony and bitterness was freely expressed. It was finally voted with about eight people abstaining, and four or five voting no to allow BLUM. to withdraw his motion and to make no reference of the event in Party Affairs or other Party publications. I have dealt with the side occurrences. somewhat at length only for the purpose of indicating that despite the appearances of unity and calm, there exists underneath a vast division of the National leadership, the separation of not only persons but of ideology, The main contestants in this internal struggle now are not so much the rightists revisionists group which have been substantially defeated and are presently meaningless but it is between those forces consisting of FOSTER,

at the meeting and participated only on parliamentary matters and side line unimportant questions. Very often very much of the meeting was in charge of and occupied by what is known as the lunatic fringe of the National Committee, such as HOMER CHASE, who is charged by all comrades as having a severe epidemic of verbal diahrea, ready to speak on any subject at any time whether he knows anything about it or not, such as MANNY BLUM and a number of others. Therefore, before the meeting was not a united line, prosecuted by a united leadership, but a meeting that was allowed to wander on its own unorganized way. The effect of this atmosphere was widely commented on by a number of speakers. It was referred to as a condition of dry rot pervading the entire body. GUS HALL on whom many party people look as a possible strong and competent Party leader, contented himself in the two full days of the meeting with a ten minute talk on the main resolution. His speech indicated that he knows what the score is, knows the serious situation the Party is in, realizes its lack of policy and leadership, but only hinted at these matters. He characterized the resolution as

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DAVIS, DENNIS and supporters. These undercurrents commenced to show probably as a result of the imminence of the National Convention and the necessity on the part of the protagonists to commence jockeying for positions of authority and strength.

As the discussion on the draft resolution proceeded, it became apparent that the position of DENNIS has become progressively weaker. At this meeting of the National Committee an odd situation prevails. The so-called authoritative and responsible parts of the leadership played only a minimal role. They did not appear at the meeting in a united, aggressive, forceful way pressing for their view, arguing for their policies and striving to unite the largest number of supporters around them.

JACKSON, for example, despite the fact that the Negro resolution, of which he is the author, was before the meeting for final adoption, decided instead to go on vacation and not appear at the meeting.

DENNIS absented himself from the entire afternoon and evening session of the first day on the announcement that he felt ill.

GEORGE MORRIS and others were heard to snort and say he is not ill, only scared to death.

DAVIS, LUMER, STACHEL & POTASH played no leadership role

inadequate, as not expressing or establishing what has to be done. He said however that perhaps the lack of adequate collective discussion is responsible for it. He characterized the resolution as not being of a quality as would arouse and give leadership to the Party members. He said that the resolution impressed him as a fall catalog, merely listed subjects, items and problems but giving no adequate answer to any of them. He thought that the resolution should be substantially strengthened, lightened, and rewritten to relieve it of its heaviness and uninspiring impression. He thought the resolution avoided or ignored some of the most basic events and occurrences taking place in our nation and in the world. And to do that would mean that we are intellectually and otherwise behind the times. Moreover, that we would be then unable to promulgate policies and tactics warranted by the actual situation which we confront. HALL's remarks were widely construed as highly critical of and separating himself from the ruling group in the NEC, and as striving to indicate that he takes no responsibility for the document as it stands because he appears to have little to do with its preparation.

In this sense HALL continues to pursue the same course earlier indicated in these reports which since his return to leadership, has been an effort to indicate that he views things differently than DENNIS and has different approaches on many Party questions. That he did not play a more aggressive role may be due to the fact that he does not consider it yet opportune for appropriate to barge out in more challenge to DENNIS, STACHEL and some others. But at least he gave indications that he is still on that road. The discussion on the first part of the main resolution continued until near the close of the first day. As earlier indicated, there is little to report in terms of the actual statements remarks, speeches, of almost anyone who spoke, as they were vague, general and meaningless, that they had utterly no effect upon anyone sitting in the meeting. And they were of a pattern, commensurate with the nature of the meeting, which was, to allow time to pass without anything occurring in order to arrive at a mechanical vote of approval upon the resolution without having to permit adequate time for anyone to really say anything about it. For that reason

when the vote came to adopt the resolution, there was little to vote against on the part of even the conflicting forces within the meeting. The vote on the first part of the resolution was unanimous. Perhaps one or two people abstained for one or another unimportant reason. The adoption of this resolution was of course unanimous, primarily because it masked and avoided any direct disagreement on the many questions which remained undercurrent. The session of July 26, was opened by BART, who stated that there is a considerable support privately indicated that BILL ALBERTSON should chair the meeting. This was another way of saying that the National Office group decided they wanted someone in the chair to carry out whatever they would want done. This soon became clear when ALBERTSON commenced to make rulings upon a number of questions. The next item on the agenda was to have been a continuation of the draft political resolution, section five, relating to the Party and its internal problems. This was decided the day before to separate the two parts of the resolution. The vote taken the evening before, in fact, related solely to the first sixteen pages of the resolution. ALBERTSON proceeded to astound the meeting by blithely

stating that there was nothing to discuss in relation to Section Five of the resolution because the vote taken the day before was on the question of adopting the whole resolution and not in part, and that if anyone wished to discuss Section Five, it could only in the constricted aspects of it having already been approved and adopted the day before. This ruling occasioned a greater rumpus than that surrounding the BLUM motion on FOSTER's letter. At least ten people were on their feet at one time constantly yelling and trying to get the floor. At least eight people who had voted the evening before affirmatively for the resolution, one after the other rose to speak, "I withdraw my vote and have it recorded against the resolution if this is the case."

HEALEY charged this to be a cheap and deceitful way of having a resolution adopted by a meeting. LIMA, who always takes very careful notes at these meetings, read from his notes that T. DENNIS, E. DENNIS, BART and others had clearly stated that Section Five would be discussed and voted upon separately.

GANLEY, who is considered very much of a parliamentarian, vehemently objected, read his notes and argued that

Section Five was now before the meeting in full.

ALBERTSON, apparently sure of his strength, due to whatever private arrangements or discussions may have been held, told the meeting that he ruled in such a fashion, would stand by his ruling, and that if anyone desired to appeal his ruling he would place the motion and call for a division of the house.

It is not known what division would have occurred on this question because all those opposing ALBERTSON's cynical ruling for some reason judged it unwise, or of no use, to engage in parliamentary shindigs, for no one appealed his ruling. The result was no one wished to speak on Section Five, on the assumption there was nothing to say and that everything within the resolution was therefore adopted and that it would be useless. The only satisfaction given to those who were very angry was an announcement by LUMER that there would be later prepared a separate resolution on the organizational problems of the Party too would be presented to the convention.

The result of this little trickery is that the full National Committee was tricked out of any discussion whatsoever upon the very many controversial questions contained in Section

Five of the main political resolution. Now perhaps this was the inane and childish idea of DENNIS, STACHEL and others, to forestall a division and possibly a split or at the last a sharp line-up just before the convention would convene. Perhaps this was their way of figuring to keep hostile tendencies and views under suppression until the convention comes about. They consider as hostile views the two extreme wings within the leadership and within the Party. These are the leftist and ultra-leftist bloc versus the remnants of the rightist-revisionists group.

(Suffice to say that the National Committee meeting, instead of airing controversial issues on all these subjects and leaving the meeting in a more clear and united fashion, only swept them under the rug where they will continue to fester and will most likely emerge in sharp focus between now and the convention and surely at the convention itself. I am not encumbering this report with a detailed discussion of the controversial and disputed issues, as I append a copy of the draft political resolution and have referred to the points throughout this report which you can review for yourself.)

The main political resolution was there-

fore "adopted" by the National Committee on a motion that the resident NEC would elect a subcommittee for the purpose of "editing", "polishing" and to take into account the suggestions and views of every speaker at the meeting, and that within the earliest possible time, preferably before the end of August, the resolution be published in Party Affairs and printed for circulation throughout the country.

In the same connection it was decided that the Party discussion period would open on September 1 and last until the convening of the National Convention; that coincidental with the opening of the discussion, all the resolutions being considered by this meeting be prepared and be printed and in the hands of the Party membership. That will mean this political resolution should publicly appear within the next several weeks.

It will be interesting to compare the draft which I append hereto with the finished one which will appear about September 1.

The next subject dealt with was the draft resolution on Negro work. This resolution presumes to be the new and amended document amending that from the several previous documents and long discussion held for the past year within the Party. Even at that

this draft is considered inadequate and quite weak from what the leadership wants. LIGHTFOOT presented the draft resolution on behalf of the NEC with a list of about seven or eight suggested amendments to strengthen the document. The discussion upon this draft resolution was characteristic of the other and nothing new was said by anyone. It was merely the occasion again for eight or ten people to make long and resounding speeches on the Negro Question. Standing out however, was and is the fact that the resolution is deficient in explaining to the Party membership and particularly to its Negro members, the complete and fundamental reasons for the Party abandoning its slogan of self-determination for the Negro people in the South. This slogan has occasioned the most widespread opposition particularly on the part of Negro members in the Party and a segment of leftists white members. JACKSON and the authors of the new line do not adequately explain but hedge on why this slogan is inappropriate in the Marxist sense and why it must be dropped. A point of objection on the part of many is that the slogan is dropped but not replaced with

anything else. The question is widely asked by Negro Communists is what then in our view are the Negro masses, a National minority, a nation within a nation, or something else, and the resolution does not presume to answer. This resolution was adopted with two or three votes against or abstaining. Again these votes were from the leftist group as MITCHELL, MAC ADORY and one or two others, on account of the reason just mentioned. The final point dealt with by the meeting was a report by BART on proposals of the NEC for the National Convention. First, that the National Convention be held on December 10 - 13, inclusive, at the Hotel Therese in New York City. Second, that the basis of representation to the Convention be on the following complicated schedule. Districts with only up to fifty members, one delegate. Districts with members from fifty to 100, two delegates. Districts with 100 or slightly more members, two delegates per one hundred. Districts with members of from two hundred members of thereabouts, two delegates per each hundred members. Districts with 300 members or better, three delegates per one hundred members. For example, if a district has 300 members it would be entitled

to nine delegates. This schedule goes upward for districts with higher members. In answer to a question as to how many delegates was roughly contemplated, BART said it was difficult to say but his general impression was that it would be in the neighborhood of 100 to 125, altogether. A long debate ensued over the matter of what time period for dues payments should be considered as the period for the election of delegates. It was finally decided that dues paid between October, 1958, and October, 1959, would be averaged to establish the districts total membership as a basis of representation to the National Convention.

Finally, a tax was levied on the membership for convention assessment. This will amount to a sum equal to two months dues for the members.

On the draft document of the constitution, another strange event took place. As is known the NEC several months ago established a subcommittee of BART, TOOHEY, WEINSTOCK, ALBERTSON and a Negro woman to rewrite the constitution and be prepared to submit a draft of the new constitution to this meeting of the National Committee. It was presumed that this document would then become the draft proposal for discussion between now and the convention and then be acted upon at the convention. The subcommittee prepared their document and under date of July 25

it was given to the members of the National Committee containing the proposed recommendations of amendments, changes and deletions in the present constitution. But the document presented to the National Committee meeting was the draft of a new constitution altogether, to replace the existing one. It is unknown who prepared it, totally ignoring the established subcommittee which had worked on it.

When the National Committee meeting arrived at the point of considering this document, TOMMY DENNIS of Michigan arose to make a motion that the document not be considered by this meeting, that the National Committee not take up or discuss the present or the new constitution, but that the NEC be charged with setting up a Convention Constitution Committee, and that all clubs and districts be urged to send to this committee any amendment or suggested change and that such changes be presented directly to the National Convention.

Prior to DENNIS making this motion, BART had a talk with TOOHEY, who was a member of the subcommittee working with BART on preparing the draft document. BART advised TOOHEY that there was "some opinions" that the National Committee meeting should not go into the constitution and the earlier draft and work of the subcommittee be junked. He indicated that it would not be a valuable discussion, nothing would come of it, and perhaps the best thing to do would be to

to throw the entire question into the National Convention. ~~TOONEY~~ was heard to inquire whose opinions were these. BART indicated vaguely that there were two considerations involved. One, some legal considerations. Secondly, to deflect presently any argumentation on constitutional questions which would only have a divisive effect. The motion made by TOMMY DENNIS was unanimously adopted primarily because it was within a half hour of adjournment time and no one saw the possibility of any discussion upon any other subject due to the lack of time and necessity to catch trains, whereupon the meeting adjourned.

Those present at the conference on the steel strike
(which is referred to above), held at CP, USA, Headquarters,
N.Y.C., on were:

WILLIAM ALBERTSON	ANTON KRCHMAREK	JACK STACHEL
EMANUEL BLUM	SAM KUSHNER	PAT TOOHEY
BEN DAVIS	MICKEY LIMA	CARL WINTER
FLO HALL	GEORGE MEYERS	HOMER CHASE
GUS HALL	BURT NELSON	<input type="text"/>
JOHN HELLMAN	IRVING POTASH	GEORGE MORRIS
ARNOLD JOHNSON	MILT ROSEN	TOM NABRIED
PHIL BART ✓	HY LUMER	WILLIAM PATTERSON
CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT		

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140 West Street
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Dear Mr. Braune:

In connection with an official investigation being conducted by this office, it is requested that you furnish listings for the following telephone numbers:

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SH 3-9614

Your personal attention in protecting the confidential nature of our inquiry in this matter is greatly appreciated and I wish to express my thanks for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

H. G. Foster

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Special Agent in Charge

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PHILIP BART
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SMITH ACT OF 1940

WEEKLY SUMMARY 8/3 - 8/9/59
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On 8/3/59, NY 1750-S* advised that the subject and his wife, CONNIE, had discussed ABNER GREEN (the Executive Secretary for the American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born) who was in the hospital and was to be operated on for a brain tumor. The subject mentioned that he had been to the hospital to visit GREEN and that GREEN had not looked well to him at all.

BART then complained to his wife that he had been unable in the last few days to accomplish anything at CP Headquarters because everyone seemed to be away on vacation. CONNIE asked him if they had heard from JIM JACKSON and PHIL said that they had not heard a word. He commented that when JACKSON returns that he will probably raise the roof when he sees the final printed resolution which he originally gave on the Negro Question.

The subject and his wife then held a long discussion on the political aspects of the trip by Vice-President NIXON to Russia and the subsequent plans for an exchange trip between President EISENHOWER and Premier KHRUSHCHEV. The main point of this conversation was that BART emphasized that regarding NIXON's criticisms of Russia on his trip that the CP, USA, must "get into a debate with Nixon on the subject that he did not treat the Soviet Union right". He said that the Party's big problem is how to utilize conditions created by NIXON's Moscow speech. He said that they have to fight not

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NIXON but the situation created by him. CONNIE then commented that if NIXON is a presidential candidate the CP should make him its prime target of criticism. The subject retorted that that would depend on the identity of the Democratic candidate. He said that for instance if Senator EASTLAND were the Democratic candidate, the Party would have to support NIXON. He continued that if STEVENSON were to run that would create another situation, although STEVENSON's position was not one to brag about.

Later in the evening, CONNIE BART contacted the "Les Robinson Inn" in Patterson, New York, and made reservations for she and her husband and one other couple for the weekend of August 29.

NY 1750-S* advised that on 8/4/59, the subject had advised his wife, CONNIE, that he would not be home for supper that evening as he intended to go to the hospital to visit ABNER GREEN.

Source also advised that later that evening on three different occasions, the subject had attempted to contact CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT in Chicago, Illinois, without success.

On 8/5/59, NY 1749-S* advised that the subject had contacted JUNIUS SCALES, former CP leader from North Carolina, whose Smith Act case is presently on appeal before the Supreme Court. SCALES advised BART that he was in the process of leaving his present job as a proofreader for a new position. BART told him that he wanted to see him for a brief period sometime within the next few days and they made a date to meet on the following Monday, 8/10/59.

On 8/5/59, NY 694-S* advised that BART had stated that the CP of Cuba was going to hold a Congress on 8/16/59, and that "someone from the CP, USA would attend". (The above information was furnished the Bureau by airtel dated 8/6/59).

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On 8/5/59, NY 1750-S* advised that the subject and his wife had had a furious argument which had started over the fact that he had failed to wish her a "Happy Birthday". Source advised that subject and his wife did not speak for the entire evening and that she had left the house at approximately 8:00 p.m. and had not returned until after 11:30 p.m.

On 8/6/59, NY 1749-S* advised that JIM TORMEY had contacted the subject and had later spoken to the subject's wife regarding a possible meeting between himself, CONNIE BART, and DANNY (RUBEL) to be held on Saturday morning, 8/8/59. It was finally decided that the meeting would be held in the afternoon at the Jefferson Book Shop where RUBEL is employed. It is noted that TORMEY is the new Kings County CP Organizer and RUBEL is the Organizational Secretary of the Kings County CP.

On 8/6/59, NY 1750-S* advised that the subject and his wife had again discussed JIM JACKSON and the subject stated that JACKSON was still not back and no one had heard anything from him. CONNIE asked if something couldn't be done about JACKSON and PHIL commented that it would be silly to try to bring him up on charges. He said that as it is when he returns he will raise a rumpus about his resolution being changed. CONNIE asked PHIL if anybody knew just where JACKSON was supposed to have gone and he answered that nobody did and that all they knew was that he was supposed to be away for four to six weeks. He said that he is supposed to be spending some time in the South, taking care of some matters, and then he was to go on vacation.

They both then discussed the NEC meeting to be held on Tuesday, 8/11/59, and the subject commented that they had extended an invitation to ALEX BITTLEMAN to attend. From the

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conversation it would appear that BITTLEMAN had addressed a letter to "The Worker" which he wanted published and which solicited funds for a book he is presently writing concerning Marxism in the United States. It would appear that most everyone at CP Headquarters believes that BITTLEMAN's book will be critical of the present CP leadership and that they are not too anxious to see it published. BART commented that it was his opinion that because BITTLEMAN has not had an opportunity to express his opinions, he will use his book as an outlet. He said most of the people do not believe that BITTLEMAN will appear at the meeting.

BART then mentioned a two day conference which was to be held on Saturday and Sunday, September 26 and 27. He said that the conference will discuss various ideological problems within the Party on the first day and that Sunday would be devoted to various proposals on the elimination of some of these problems. (It is noted that information has been previously furnished that during a meeting of CP functionaries held at CP Headquarters on 8/4/59, the subject proposed that "an Eastern Conference be held at the same time the Midwestern Conference on the 26th and 27th" - month not specified. It would appear that BART's reference to the conference to be held on September 26th and 27th refers to the Eastern Regional Conference/proposed on 8/4/59. The above information furnished to the Bureau by airtel dated 8/11/59).

CONNIE BART then told her husband that JIM TORMEY was getting around quite a bit in his new job as Kings County Organizer and that he had presented a very good report to the Kings County CP Board meeting the previous evening. Subject commented that he thought that TORMEY would do a good job, to which his wife answered that he would do a better job than EVIE WEINER (Manhattan County CP Organizer). The subject said that TORMEY has ^{as} much on the ball as anyone in the New York organization. CONNIE answered that "MIMI" (FRIEDLANDER - Bronx County CP Organizer) had never impressed her too much.

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The subject then told his wife that the announcement of the "Ike - Mr. K. thing" had brought a lot of phone calls to CP Headquarters. He said that that very morning CBS had called and wanted to know if the CP, USA would have someone on hand to greet KHRUSHCHEV. He said he told him that "they would be along with the thousands of others who would be on hand to greet him". He also recounted that they had received a call from WNEW who are making up a program called "An Open Letter to Khrushchev" and they wanted the CP to assign a speaker for the program.

BART then told his wife that he had heard that MORRIS' (CHILD) wife had some tests and that she was doing better than they thought she would. He said she may be ready for an operation the following week.

On 8/9/59, NY 1750-S* advised that the subject and his wife had discussed an individual believed to be the son of ANTON KRCHMAREK, Cleveland CP leader. PHIL commented that apparently he is working in a foundry and has been instrumental in organizing a union there. He said that he believed this activity was excellent training and background for the boy. CONNIE commented that she had met KRCHMAREK's first wife, HELEN, at a CP National Training School.

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-48235)

FLO HALL
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On 7/27/59, NY 2379-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised FLO HALL (who was staying at the FLYNN apartment following the NC meeting) and ELIZABETH's sister KATHY FLYNN were discussing people being married to Negroes and both agreed that one could be happier being married to a Negro. HALL and ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN then entered into a conversation concerning various CP personalities and ELIZABETH noted that they have been very dissatisfied with (HOMER CHASE) him. She said that he lives in New Hampshire and is paid \$100.00 a week and has a wife and four kids and actually lives in two places. ELIZABETH did not go into detail as to why the Party is dissatisfied with him. FLO then expressed her disgust for the left wing elements of the Party saying that these people are a lot more fresh at home than they are when they come to the meetings.

Later in the day, ELIZABETH told KATHY that she had mentioned to HY LINER that if that guy (HEN DAVIS) gets his way, she will quit the Party. She said that her life is being shortened because she gets so excited over the people down at CP Headquarters.

Later that same evening, ELIZABETH and FLO HALL were again discussing leaders in the CP and both agreed that they are too old. ELIZABETH also complained that the Party is trying to do too much and questioned the wisdom of having street corner meetings. She said what the Party should do is concentrate on two or three important projects.

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- 1- New York (100-105078) (HY LINER) (415)
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ELIZABETH then went into a tirade against BEN DAVIS, stating that he should not be Chairman of the NY3 CP. ELIZABETH also commented on the fact that so many good sensible people have left the Party and also complained about the amount of money that will be spent on travel to the coming national convention. She also feels that DOROTHY HEALY, in her opinion, is a good leader in her district but that she has a psychosis where she has to challenge the leadership when she attends national meetings. She also told HALL that she had threatened to resign from the CP because she felt that GENE DENNIS had been keeping her in the dark on many things. ELIZABETH also said that there has been a great improvement in Party organization since PHIL BART took over and that he knows what is going on in the clique and keeps her informed, which was something BOB THOMPSON never did in the past.

On 7/29/59, NY 2318-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised ELIZABETH and NY LUNER held a conversation during which mention was made of the fact that ELIZABETH was presently writing a preamble to the Convention Constitution.

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MORRIS CHILDS
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Identity of Informant: NY 1749-S* (Conceal and
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Reliability: Who has furnished reliable
information in the past

Date: 7/29/59

NY 1749-S* has reported that on 7/29/59, PHIL (BART) contacted MORRIS (CHILDS) who advised that he was busy seeing [redacted] off, as she now has left. PHIL said the new draft would be ready on August 10th. MORRIS said he plans to come East soon, and that he needs to see GENE (DENNIS). PHIL said he can talk with MORRIS as GENE is leaving this weekend for a month. MORRIS said he should have GENE's address as they might need to talk to him. MORRIS said he would be in the first of the week, wants to see IZZY (ISADORE WOFSY).

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FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA (100-22157)
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On 8/10/59, PH-547-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally advised SE RAYMOND J. BOTT as follows:

On the evening of 8/10/59, an individual identified as PHIL (probably BART) telephonically contacted THOMAS NABRIED, District Chairman, CPEPD, at his residence, 1345 West Susquehanna Avenue, Philadelphia. PHIL advised that he would be "out there" on Wednesday (apparently 8/12/59) and meet NABRIED.

Previously, on 8/7/59, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised SA MARION B. HUMMEL that at a meeting of the [redacted] it was mentioned that because of political differences, the [redacted]

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[redacted] had not been contributing to the CP fund drive. Because of this, a request was to be made to New York to send someone down to attend a [redacted]

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Also on this same date, [redacted] advised that he had learned on [redacted] and PHIL BART would attend the next meeting of the [redacted] [redacted] however, no date was given for this meeting. [redacted] is reportedly "right wing" and BART will attempt to straighten the matter out. b7D

Above being furnished for info of the Bureau and New York. Coverage of BART's visit will be handled through established informants.

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-26018)

8/11/59

SA HAROLD P. QUINN

LOUIS WEINSTOCK
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Identity of Informant: NY 1749-S* (Conceal and
paraphrase)

Reliability: Who has furnished reliable
information in the past

Date: 7/29/59

NY 1749-S* has reported that on 7/29/59, LOUIS WEINSTOCK contacted PHIL BART and said he had a message he had to give BART personally. He said he had to see BART between 12 and 1 pm that day. WEINSTOCK then said he would meet BART in front of the Commercial High School on 4th St. between 2nd and 3rd Avenues. He said he would be sitting in front of the school. Also that it was very important or he would not have bothered BART. Informant advised BART agreed.

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DATE: 8/11/59

FROM : SA HAROLD P. QUINN

SUBJECT: PHIL BART
IS - CIdentity of Informant: NY 1749-S* (Conceal and
paraphrase)Reliability: Who has furnished reliable
information in the past

Date: 7/16/59

NY 1749-S* has reported that on 7/16/59, PHIL (BART) contacted TOM (MEYERSCOUGH) and said he would like to get ahold of TOM. TOM said he was tied up, including weekend and that Monday he is going away for a two week vacation. PHIL when he heard that TOM was going away told TOM that the discussion with him would mean going away - wanted TOM to take a trip by himself - it would take a week. PHIL said that it concerned things happening now but that it would continue. TOM will see PHIL when he returns from vacation. He said they have reservations for one week, may stay two.

Informant advised that on the same date, PHIL (BART) contacted [redacted] and [redacted] said two weeks from now he was going on vacation. PHIL said he was a bachelor - expected "her" back sometime next week. [redacted] said he wanted to see "her" about some money. [redacted] said he was going to see some friends, but it would not be for three weeks. He said he just saw "them" two nights ago. PHIL said he would be busy next week and that he was not going away. PHIL told [redacted] to keep in touch, maybe [redacted] could come down "here" to see him. PHIL said he saw that the vote went through. [redacted] said that it was a little early to tell. [redacted] said he would be seeing PHIL.

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- 1- New York (100-14096) (TOM MEYERSCOUGH) (416)
1- New York (100-120617) [redacted]
1- New York (100-56579) [redacted]

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-56579)

DATE: 8/11/59

FROM : SA HAROLD P. QUINN

SUBJECT: PHIL BART
IS - CIdentity of Informant: NY 1749-S* (Conceal and
paraphrase)Reliability: Who has furnished reliable
information in the past

Date: 7/30/59

NY 1749-S* advised that on 7/30/59, BETTY GANNETT contacted PHIL BART and asked if "you guys" were doing anything about the funeral of Dr. STAMLER which will be held tomorrow (7/31/59) at noon. BART admitted that no plans had been made relative to this funeral.

BETTY reminded BART that Dr. STAMLER is not just the [redacted] but pointed out that "you're dealing with somebody that dates all the way back". BETTY asserted that she was quite sure that Dr. STAMLER was a charter member (of the CP) and described him as "an old-timer with a tremendous record" who used to teach in "the school". BETTY recalled that Dr. STAMLER was "one of the first people I knew" (in the CP) and mentioned that she had been trying without success to reach [redacted] to determine what the Bronx people planned to do as Dr. STAMLER had maintained a dental office for many years in the "co-ops" (in the Bronx).

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BETTY then asked BART for the telephone number of GENE (DENNIS) which he gave to her as SW 4-9489.

1- New York (100-13483) (BETTY GANNETT) (422)
1- New York [redacted] (416)
1- New York (100-) (DR. J. STAMLER) (421)
1- New York [redacted] (421)
1- New York (100-8057) (EUGENE DENNIS) (415)
1- New York (100-56579) (422)

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-56579)

DATE: 8/11/59

FROM : SA HAROLD P. QUINN

SUBJECT: PHIL BART
IS-CIdentity of Informant: NY 1749-S* (Conceal and
paraphrase)Reliability: Who has furnished reliable
information in the past

Date: 8/1/59

NY 1749-S* has reported that on 8/1/59, WILLIAM L. PATTERSON contacted PHIL BART and said he was delayed coming over since his people went to the beach that day and had not arrived yet. PATTERSON said he wanted to wait for them. PATTERSON then said for PHIL to give his warm greetings to everyone at PHIL's place and as soon as his family arrives he would be over to give his greetings to everyone personally.

Informant advised that also on the same date PHIL BART was contacted by BILL ALBERTSON who said he had no baby sitter and therefore could not come over. PHIL said he understood. PHIL said they have a lot of stuff and they asked GUS (HALL) to come, but he could not travel. BILL said that was right, he could not leave the district without permission.

- 1- New York (100-84275) (WILLIAM PATTERSON) (415)
- 1- New York (100-129629) (WILLIAM ALBERTSON) (416)
- 1- New York (100-84994) (GUS HALL)
- 1- New York (100-56579)

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)

FROM : SAC, NY (100-80641)

SUBJECT: CPUSA - ORGANIZATION
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ReNYairtel, 8/5/59, setting forth information re a meeting of CP functionaries held at CP headquarters, NYC, on 8/4/59.

On one point at the above meeting, PHIL BART, CP Organizational Secretary, proposed that an Eastern Conference be held at the same time as the Midwestern Conference on the 26th and 27th (month not specified).

A review of material furnished by NY 1750-S* revealed that on 8/6/59, BART in conversation with his wife, CONNIE, mentioned that a two-day conference would be held on Saturday and Sunday, September 26 and 27. BART advised that the conference will discuss various ideological problems within the Party on Saturday and that Sunday will be devoted to various proposals on the elimination of some of these problems.

Although the latter information does not contain specifically the type of conference to be held on September 26 and 27, it would appear that BART'S reference is to the earlier mentioned Eastern Regional Conference to be held by the CP in NY.

The above is for the Bureau's information.

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1 - NY (100-56579)(PHIL BART)
1 - NY 100-80641

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Via AIRTEL RM

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)

FROM : SAC, NY (100-80641)

SUBJECT: CPUSA - ORGANIZATION
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CARE MUST BE UTILIZED IN HANDLING AND REPORTING
THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION SINCE ITS VERY NATURE TENDS TO
IDENTIFY A SENSITIVE AND HIGHLY PLACED INFORMANT.

- 8 - Bureau (100-3-69)(RM)
 - (1 - 100-3-88) (CPUSA - FACTIONALISM)
 - (1 - 100-3-75) (CPUSA - NEGRO QUESTION)
 - (1 - 100-3-76) (CPUSA - YOUTH MATTERS)
 - (1 - 100-3-104) (CPUSA - COUNTER-INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM)
 - (1 - 97-401) (PUBLISHERS NEW PRESS)
- 1 - Baltimore (INFO)(RM)
- 1 - Chicago (INFO)(RM)
- 2 - Los Angeles (INFO)(RM)
 - (1- 100-) (PETTIS PERRY)
- 1 - NY (100-87211) (CPUSA - FACTIONALISM)(415)
- 1 - NY (100-80640) (CPUSA - NEGRO QUESTION)(415)
- 1 - NY (100-80644) (CPUSA - YOUTH MATTERS)(415)
- 1 - NY (100-129802) (CPUSA - COUNTER-INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM)(415)
- 1 - NY (97-169) (PUBLISHERS NEW PRESS)(415)
- 1 - NY (100-84994) (GUS HALL)(415)
- 1 - NY (100-20128) (ALEX BITTELMAN)(414)
- 1 - NY (100-56579) (PHIL BART)(415)
- 1 - NY (100-18065) (JACK STACHEL)(415)
- 1 - NY (100-1696) (ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN)(415)
- 1 - NY (100-105078) (HY LUMER)(415)
- 1 - NY (100-129629) (WILLIAM ALBERTSON)(415)
- 1 - NY (100-16785) (JAMES JACKSON)(415)
- 1 - NY [REDACTED]
- 1 - NY (100-23825) (BEN DAVIS)(416)
- 1 - NY (100-80641)

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On 8/11/59, NY 2392-S* advised that a meeting of CP functionaries was held in HY LUMER'S office, CP Headquarters, NYC, on that date.

Among those present were:

GUS HALL
ALEX BITTELMAN
PHIL BART
JACK STACHEL
ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN
HY LUMER
WILLIAM ALBERTSON

The meeting opened with a discussion of a book which ALEXANDER BITTELMAN is writing and which he has apparently not been willing to submit to the Party for approval prior to publication.

GUS HALL remarked that BITTELMAN "just takes it upon himself to say that he does not express the opinions of the CP of the US..... the Party hasn't seen the manuscript; what the hell can be the reason for holding the manuscript back." HALL, then apparently addressing himself to BITTELMAN, said "let the Party look at it and then make its decisions instead of you just making the decision and saying that the Communist Party doesn't agree with this book or its line. Is this the way you're going to help the Party get through this difficult period ALEX? Is this the way a responsible Party member, not speaking of a Party leader, is going to act? Or is this the way somebody is going to act who has already decided that he doesn't give a good G-- d--- what happens to the Party." HALL continued that all that the leadership has asked is that a committee go over the manuscript and on that basis the committee will decide what the Party wants to do as far as the book is concerned. HALL pointed out that BITTELMAN had given

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the manuscript to the publisher for six months but "for one month you can't see fit to give it to the Party - the Party that you belong to - the Party that you have been in the leadership of - to look over and make its decision on the manuscript..... on what's in it." HALL then proposed that "with the interest of the Party at heart" a committee of two or three members be set up and BITTELMAN be again asked to turn the manuscript over to this committee.

JACK STACHEL, addressing himself to BITTELMAN, said "I think your approach has been..... I don't know the exact words..... has been a contemptuous attitude toward the Party leadership....." STACHEL continued that he hoped that BITTELMAN hadn't become so contemptuous that he had reached the opinion that he was the only one who had the Party's interest at heart. STACHEL then said to BITTELMAN, "so let's say you refuse to accept our..... you don't send us the manuscript. We will not cooperate in helping you publish your book which we haven't read or seen. On the contrary, we will have an attitude and it won't be simply of passivity. The Party has to defend itself....."

ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN pointed out that she is in the same position as BITTELMAN in that she has been writing a book. She said that her book is concerned with her experiences in prison and that she intends to consult with the Party prior to publication.

HY LUMER expressed surprise that BITTELMAN should be asking the Party to publish something it hasn't seen.

PHIL BART said "I can see the Party agreeing to publishing something, but asking for support under these circumstances is asking the Party for support against itself....."

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ALEXANDER BITTELMAN said "I think your mind is made up. You won't publish the book and won't help publish it. You consider it sort of hostile defiance..... You will obstruct this publication, but it will be your responsibility....."

WILLIAM ALBERTSON asked BITTELMAN whether if it was the Party's collective judgment that the book would be detrimental to the Party, he would still want to see it published. The informant was unable to determine BITTELMAN'S answer to this question.

GUS HALL asked BITTELMAN why he agrees to having two or three comrades come to his place to see the manuscript, but won't bring it to Party Headquarters. Informant was unable to determine BITTELMAN'S answer.

After further brief discussion, GUS HALL said "all right, the motion is that we ask Comrade BITTELMAN to submit the manuscript to a committee, that this (board ?) will elect to read, discuss, and bring back a report to this committee and on that basis we'll make our decision."

JACK STACHEL proposed an amendment to the motion to the effect that the manuscript will be read and an opinion submitted one month after its receipt.

A vote was taken on the motion, however, the informant was unable to determine the results. It appears that the motion must have been carried since immediately after the vote, JACK STACHEL suggested nominees for the subcommittee and named GUS (HALL), HY (LUMER), and (JAMES) JACKSON.

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ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN spoke of the petitions in relation to WINNIE (HENRY WINSTON) and GIL (GREEN). She said that if the members in Chicago hadn't done a real good job we would be sunk on this job. She pointed out that "we've gotten into the habit of not criticizing Negro comrades and I don't want to make a criticism until the Negro comrades are present. But I want to tell you comrades that if we had depended on any of the Negro comrades, any of them, to get signatures for WINNIE well we would have been damn hard put." She continued that the lack of activity on the part of Negro comrades applies to BEN (DAVIS), JIM (JACKSON) very much, and also applies to PETE (PETTIS PERRY), whom she noted was in NY for a whole month and didn't do a thing. She said that it also applies to [REDACTED] "who said he would help us and never did a single thing." FLYNN said that she intended to repeat this when the Negro comrades are present.

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WILLIAM PATTERSON then gave a report with relation to "The Worker." He said that some states such as Michigan with 72%, New Jersey with 73%, Ohio with 61%, and the New England area with 61% have done fairly well in the fund drive, but that other states, NY among them, have not done well. He commented that out of the amount of \$60,000 which had been expected, there has been received to date only \$34,800. He claimed that as a result "We have been forced in this period to borrow several thousand dollars and find ourselves in a very critical situation." PATTERSON then discussed the fluctuation in the circulation of the paper, noting that it has lost circulation in California, Connecticut, Colorado, Florida, and Illinois. He said that in Michigan, the circulation has gone from 694 to 614 and in Minnesota from 351 to 327. With respect to NY State, PATTERSON

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said that there has been a gain in upper New York, a loss of over 200 in Manhattan, a loss of 80 in Brooklyn, and slight gains in the Bronx and Queens.

PATTERSON concluded that the tempo of work must be raised and that every county should report on its activity. He also said ~~that this~~ problem should be taken up at the Carnegie meeting (apparently referring to 40th anniversary meeting to be held at Carnegie Hall on 9/25/59.)

WILLIAM ALBERTSON said that he thought the kind of appeal that is needed is "a one shot appeal for a specific amount of money connected with the 40th anniversary celebration." He said the appeal should not be from the paper but should be from the National Committee.

HY LUMER then discussed youth matters. He said that at the National Youth Conference held earlier, the decision had been reached that there should be another meeting in September in the form of an enlarged meeting of the National Commission. He continued that the question is when and where this conference should be held. He said that it has been proposed that it be held in Chicago on the weekend of the 22nd and 23rd of September, simultaneously with the Midwest Conference and the anniversary meeting in Chicago.

LUMER said that he was of the opinion that rather than making this a large conference it would be more desirable to send a select representation.

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He felt that each of the West Coast districts should be asked to send one person and there should be at least two or three people from Baltimore and Philadelphia, respectively. He mentioned the Midwest Districts and NY, but the informant was unable to determine the numbers specified from these areas.

WILLIAM ALBERTSON pointed out that the young people who attended the Vienna Youth Festival will be returning from Europe approximately the week of Labor Day from all indications. He suggested that the conference be held in Chicago, but that it be on a weekend in October. He felt that this delay of two or three weeks would enable them to come to the conference "with just a little bit more in planning as well as in accomplishments."

The meeting adjourned without any decision with reference to the proposed dates for the Youth Conference.

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TO : SAC, BOSTON (100-7908)

DATE 8/7/59

FROM : SA CLEMENT A. O'BRIEN

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA, N.E. DISTRICT
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From: [redacted]

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Date and Description:

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Date Received:

7/16/59

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SA CLEMENT A. O'BRIEN

Location: [redacted]

In view of the sensitivity of this informant, the utmost care must be utilized to carefully paraphrase this information prior to dissemination in order to protect the identity of this informant.

cc:

100-7908 CP, USA, N.E. DISTRICT
NEW YORK (PHIL BART)
NEWARK (100-19515, KATIE HECK)

- [redacted]
- 100-11188 (DONALD BOLLEN)
- 100-13591 (FRANCES BOLLEN)
- 100-5431 (JAMES BOLLEN)
- 100-24914 (PHIL BART)
- 100-21781 (COMINFIL, TEAMSTERS)
- 100-32300 (LAURA CASS)
- 100-30742 (ROBERT CASS)
- 100-775 (HOMER B. CHASE)
- 100-20190 (LEO COWAN)
- 100-30 (HUGO DE GREGORY)
- 100-16336 (NICHOLAS DENESUK)
- 100-26611 (ELMER FEHLHABER)
- 100-27233 (ALICE FEHLHABER)
- 100-19158 (SOL FISHER)
- 100-12544 (NATHAN GASS)
- 100-11198 (LEO GAUDREAU)
- 100-11772 (ROBERT GOODWIN)
- 100-27123 (KATIE HECK)

- [redacted]
- 100-16208 (PHIL KORITZ)
- 100-13373 (PHIL LEFAVOUR)
- [redacted]
- 100-16160 (MIKE RUSSO)
- 100-14203 (NAT SHELMAN)
- [redacted]
- 100-11574 (DON TORMEY)
- 97-78 (DAILY WORKER)
- 100-17513 (CP-BRIEF)
- 100-20779 (CP-ORGANIZATION)
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Informant's written report, dated 7/9/59,
follows:

"July 9, 1959

"On Tuesday evening [redacted] I attended
an executive board meeting of the [redacted]
[redacted] Communist Party [redacted]
[redacted]

"Agenda was as follows_

1. Fund drive
2. Worker
3. Revere
4. Organization
5. Kennedy Bill
6. DeGREGORY

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[redacted] gave a brief report on the fund drive saying the N. Shore had turned in \$335.00 to date which left us \$165.00 short of our 500.00 goal by July 1st. There was some discussion over who hadn't paid their pledges. [redacted] said she still owed \$5.00 which she gave to [redacted] to complete her \$25.00 pledge. [redacted] said he still owed \$5.00. PHIL said he & [redacted] still owed \$25.00 which they wernt in a position to pay just now. However this accounted for 35.00 of it meaning we had to account for \$130.00 more.

[redacted] said we hadn't gotten any from HARRY ZENDERS or as much from NATHAN GASS as was expected. BOB said JIM BOLLEN probably could get \$10.00 from LEO COWAN if he went to see him - also he (BOB) would see - SARCHUCK (Phonics) and he would be good for \$10.00 more.

"HOMER CHASE thought we should see some of the people who had left the party. That there were things developing of interest to them too and certainly we could ask them for funds for the Worker. Most of them in spite of our differences wouldn't want to see the paper fold up.

[redacted] was asked to see (for funds)
[redacted] of Hamilton, [redacted]
[redacted]

[redacted] was asked to see DON TORMEY, DON BOLLEN and NAT SHELMAN. Also there was some discussion of PHIL seeing [redacted] who lives near him. PHIL didn't know [redacted] discussed how best to approach him. Finally BOB agreed to introduce [redacted] PHIL. BOB said he could do that but PHIL would have to do the talking.

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[redacted] made the comment that [redacted] & his wife were living together again so they would have to work out the correct approach.

[redacted] if NICK and SAUL wouldn't have more money for the fund when they got back from N.Y. BOB said he thought they would. [redacted] stated the money that would come in from the Gloucester People, ELMER & ALICE, who are sustainers and the money from Swamscott people would make up the difference between \$500.00 which we agreed to raise by July 1st and \$650.00 which was our quota for the year. In trying to find out where the rest of the money was coming from - BOB G. suggested we wait till NICK was back because NICK had an accounting of who pledged what ammount and also how much they had turned in.

"The next point on the agenda was skipped as our Worker representative was not present (SOL FISHER) and hadn't given BOB a report before he left on vacation.

[redacted] said he had made inquiries into the Revere business for the party.

"He said rent for a spot on Revere Boulevard is \$1000.00 per season - usually expected in advance. But if we convinced his contact who has contact with FOX & O'BRION (who own most of the beach - he described them as gangsters) that the person we pick to run the place is really up against it and needs help, he (PHIL) thought we could rent space on a pay as you go deal. PHIL thought the party could make a few thousand bucks in a season at Revere Beach with some sort of food concession.

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That we'd have to pick some one to run it who was devoted to the C.P.

[redacted] if she had looked into the possibilities of a Sandwich Shop at Rockport. She said no and was asked to make inquiries for next year.

"The possibility of the party running some sort of business hasn't been explored propaly and we agreed no discussion of this should go beyond the executive board of the North Shore presently. [redacted] thought we'd have to discuss it with the party if we used there money. [redacted] that it might be possible to borrow enough money for a venture such as this without any party funds especially if we could work out a pay as you go plan. This hadn't been examined. And no great ammount would be needed to start such a venture.

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"4. organization - [redacted] stated we still had problems with organization - namely the Gloucester group. That [redacted] PHIL BART had been down to see them - They hadn't felt the party had paid too much attention to them & their problems. They were working in the Unitarian Church - also doing something regards R.O.T.C. in the Gloucester High School. They didn't seem to want to meet with the Swamscott Group or other Groups. Perhaps they could be convinced to form their own group in Gloucester - that there were possibilities of other people in Gloucester who were not meeting in a group.

"Finally we decided ALICE should be invited to the next executive board meeting on Aug. 18. Also that HOMER should see them and tell them He or a member of the D.C. or executive board will meet with them once a month. HOMER said after talking to them he thought they felt neglected.

[redacted] - since ELMER worked in town all week & was only home weekend was it possible to involve him in a club in Boston? [redacted] said no - because ELMER worked a stinted shift and also there were no clubs meeting in the day time in Boston.

[redacted] said KITTY HECK had done a job on the FELHABERS while she was around her.

[redacted] previous years when a nat. Committee member was in Boston they always stopped out at the FELHABERS for a visit. Since the split into two factions in the party because ELMER leans to the left - they have avoided him & ELMER resents this.

[redacted] said he saw KITTY the last time he was in N.Y. That she was a mess. She had gone back to N. Jersey.

[redacted] is to see BOB CASS and try to meet in a group with him & NAT GASS. [redacted] suggested he take SUE with him as LAURIE (CASS wife) was somewhat isolated and BOB being a Male Supremised he thought it would be good for LAURIE to have female company. Also she had a lot of ability that was going to waste because she hadn't been activated. Later we might solve the problem of transferring SUE from the present Group depending on wether the group can be activated. If PHIL can get the group together He's to meet with the Lynn Labor group.

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[redacted] reported that an encouraging sign was that JIM BOLLEN had asked to meet with the Lynn Labor Group as he & PHIL T. hadn't been able to reactivate a Revere group & JIM wanted to be placed somewhere.

[redacted] on the Kenedy-Erwin Bill which is a very unfavorable piece of legislation. Also presented some literature he'd gotten from the Teamsters Office in Kenmore Sq. saying we could use some of the material in it in our newsletter opposing the Kenedy-Erwin Bill which would go out to Union leaders all over the state. Also contacts within labor.

"FRANIE BOLLEN was going to print it up but hadn't been able to and HOMER asked how soon BOB thought she would do it. [redacted] said FRANNIE was in a state with four kids to care for and her house torn up. Unless she could find time without interruptions he wasn't sure she could do it. ELSIE (after too Bad we didn't have someone

who could sit for awhile) volunteered to go over the next day, it it was fine and take the four kids off FRAN's hands long enough so she could run the Newsletter off.

[redacted] reported a letter of DE GREGORY saying hed talked to HUGHs brother who runs a donut place. His brother said HUGH had gone to pieces over the decision, That because of the Winston-Green decision from Supreme Court he hadn't expected that kind of decision. But N.H. has an immunity law that entered into it. He thought HUGH had just given up & wasn't even going to fight. [redacted] said he might go to jail but he intended to put up a fight.

"He understood HUGH had taken off on a two week vacation to Canada.

"There was some private conversation between BOB & [redacted] he didn't thing HUGH would do anything like that.

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[redacted] he thought in spite of HUGHs asking the party not to take a stand on it he thought he had to, because it affected him and other people.

[redacted] she remembered what a battle [redacted] had put up at a D.C. meeting just for that stand.

[redacted] said the party DC donated \$50.00 to HUGHs case and he was much against donating money and then being told to keep out of it.

"He said right now he would retreat if his wife would move, but she wasn't convinced There were considerations for herself & child ren if he went to jail, which she wouldn't get if they moved elsewhere - such as welfare - the fact that they were established in the community etc. He supposed She had to be considered. But he himself wasn't against 'retreat' on occasion.

"PHIL asked about MIKE RUSSO - [redacted] said he was selling Surgical instruments and doing very well at it.

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"BOB said the next D.C. meeting is Aug.1st."

All necessary action has been taken with respect
to information furnished above.

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-56579)

FROM : SA FRANCIS J. COSTIGAN (# 415)

SUBJECT: PHIL BART,
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DATE: 8/13/59

SOURCE: NY 2010-S*

DATE: 8/12/59

RELIABILITY: who has furnished reliable information in the past

On 8/12/59, NY 2010-S* advised that, on the same date, PHIL BART was in contact with JOHN ABT, who told him that one DAVE (LNU) said that "the check cleared." BART stated that he owes DAVE the sum of \$ 800.

On the same date, a Mrs. BLUMENTHAL at MARTIN WELDON's office at TV station WNEW was in contact with BART and told him that WELDON wanted to interview an American Communist relative to Premier KHRUSHCHEV's contemplated visit to the U. S.

BART protested that he didn't know what WELDON could possibly want in connection with this visit. Mrs. BLUMENTHAL said that WELDON was interested in the relationship between the Communist Party in the United States and the Communist Party in Russia.

BART said that "we" have no more relationship to "them" than WNEW has. He added that the only official position "we" have is in so far as the visit will improve relations between the two countries and in the interest of world peace.

1-New York (100-54965) (JOHN ABT) (415)
1-New York (100-56579) (415)

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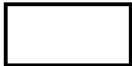
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Mrs. BLUMENTHAL told BART that the interview is to be one of a series of programs on Sunday night news broadcasts at WNEW. She added that the object is to show the reaction of KHRUSHCHEV's visit to this country as far as the American people are concerned.

BART told her that he would contact her later with reference to her request.



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Mr. Edward L. Braune, Agent
New York Telephone Company
140 West Street
New York 7, New York

Dear Mr. Braune:

In connection with an official investigation being conducted by this office, it is requested that you furnish listings for the following telephone numbers:

CL 2-1931

Your personal attention in protecting the confidential nature of our inquiry in this matter is greatly appreciated and I wish to express my thanks for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

H. G. FOSTER
Special Agent in Charge

NY 100-56579

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Dear Mr. Braune:

In connection with an official investigation being conducted by this office, it is requested that you furnish listings for the following telephone numbers:

GE 5-3036
UL 3-8706

Your personal attention in protecting the confidential nature of our inquiry in this matter is greatly appreciated and I wish to express my thanks for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "H. G. Foster".

H. G. FOSTER
Special Agent in Charge

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Dear Mr. Braune:

In connection with an official investigation being conducted by this office, it is requested that you furnish listings for the following telephone numbers:

LU 9-6395
RI 9-5237

Your personal attention in protecting the confidential nature of our inquiry in this matter is greatly appreciated and I wish to express my thanks for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "H. G. Foster". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

H. G. FOSTER
Special Agent in Charge

NY 100-56579

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SAC, CHICAGO (100-21181)

8/19/59

SAC, NEW YORK (100-100548)

LIL GREEN
31-C

Identity of Informant: NY 1749-S* (Conceal and paraphrase)
Reliability: Who has furnished reliable information in the past
Date: 7/27/59

NY 1749-S* advised that on 7/27/59, PHIL (BART) contacted EDNA (WINSTON). PHIL told her that he was out in Chicago for 3 or 4 days, spoke to LIL (GREEN) and she sends her regards. He said he stayed at MORRIS' (CHILDS) and that his (CHILDS) wife has cancer. He asked if EDNA has been down "there". EDNA said she was going in a couple of weeks.

PHIL offered to send her a couple of tickets to the Soviet Exhibition. EDNA asked about the convention. PHIL said it would be (held) December 10th at the Hotel Teresa. PHIL also advised that GUS (HALL) was back from the west coast, that GENE (DENNIS) was going away on vacation and GUS would stay "here" most of the time.

3- Chicago (100-21181) (Info) (RM) b6
(1- 100-3740) (MORRIS CHILDS) b7C
(1- 100- [redacted])

1- New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
1- New York (100-78589) (EDNA WINSTON) (415)
1- New York (100-8057) (EUGENE DENNIS) (415)
1- New York (100-34994) (GUS HALL) (415)
1- New York (100-100548)

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SAC, CHICAGO (100-33742)

COMMUNIST PARTY - USA
FUNDS
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CG 5824-S*, on August 16, 1959, orally furnished to SA JOHN E. KEATING the information on the following page. This oral information was reduced to writing on August 17, 1959:

- 2 - Bureau (REGISTERED)
- 2 - New York (REGISTERED)
 - (1 - 100-74560) (CP-USA, Funds)
 - (1 - 100-56579) (PHIL BART)
- 4 - Chicago
 - (1 - A/134-46)
 - (1 - 100-17769) (CP-USA, Illinois District, Funds)
 - (1 - 61-867) (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT)

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H. R. Quinn
J. P. Quinn

August 16, 1959

Recently, the contents of a letter from PHIL BART, National Organization Secretary of the Communist Party - USA, to CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, Chairman of the Communist Party of Illinois, were observed. In this letter, BART stated that the financial situation in the National Office of the Communist Party - USA is desperate and urged LIGHTFOOT to send to the National Office whatever he could in the way of dues payments and contributions.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-27049)

3/19/59

SAC, CHICAGO (100-19107)

ABNER GREEN
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

CARE SHOULD BE USED IN REPORTING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE IDENTITY OF THE INFORMANT.

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- 2 - Bureau (REGISTERED)
- 3 - New York (REGISTERED)
 - (1 - 100-14691) (ABNER GREEN)
 - (1 - 100-56579) (PHIL BART)
 - (1 - 100-21431) (MARTIN YOUNG)
- 2 - Chicago
 - (1 - A/134-46)

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H. P. Quinn

August 14, 1959

MARTIN YOUNG recently wrote that ABNER GREEN had been taken to the Hospital for an operation on a tumor on the brain.

On August 13, 1959, PHIL BART telephonically advised that GREEN had survived the operation, but was still in serious condition.

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